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ACTION NEEDED IN LAOS

THE military and political positions in Laos have reached a dangerous stage. A few weeks ago the situation was delicate to say the least, but the Great Powers with the exception of the Soviet Union and China appeared to content themselves with "observing" and trusting that the country would settle its own affairs without interference.

Now the position has changed and it is probable that the United States decision to call a meeting of the seven nations will lead to a demand for positive action to safeguard the area.

Unfortunately there exists differences of opinion between the United States on one hand and Britain on the other. Inability of both nations to follow a common policy in the Far East since the war is part of the trouble and it must be clearly remembered that while Britain recognises the Peking regime as the lawful government of China, the United States does not.

HOWEVER, the basic differences of Laos centre around the revival of the International Supervisory Commission and the broadening of the provisional Boun Oum administration with other elements.

There appears to be a conviction that the United States does not desire to see the commission reconvened and that while Britain considers that a composite government would be the best answer to the present division of the country the Americans are, because of their bitter hatred of Communism, bent upon bolstering the extreme right-wing Boun Oum and his military chief, General Phoumi Nosavan.

There is no question that the Western Powers are not in full accord on the basic objective of preserving the freedom and independence of Laos, but unless there is a compromise the possibilities of another Korea are patently obvious.

IF the Senate Council agrees to the United States' request for a meeting the main consideration will be whether Boun Oum's government will invoke its right to appeal for military protection which the organisation is pledged to give if the country is attacked and asks for assistance.

Until recently, Senate's members have been divided in their views and tactics over dealing with Laos, Britain, France, Australia, New Zealand and Pakistan have tended to resist the tough attitude taken by the United States but now may favour a call for help.

THE nations aligned with Britain have taken the line that neither Russia nor China wish to become embroiled in a war that could not only involve the Indo-China territory, but also themselves.

Any rash action taken by local leaders in and around Laos could unleash the Great Powers in a military capacity. This, of course, must be avoided.

The necessity for mediation is obvious and the reconvening of the International Supervisory Commission is essential if this internal conflict is to be controlled.

Laos International Control Commission may be back UK PRESSURE EXERTED ON U.S.

Home discusses situation with envoy

From DOUGLAS CLARK

London, Jan. 3. Chances are growing this morning that the three power Peace Control Commission will soon be functioning in Laos — where Communist attacks are mounting in intensity.

Russia refuses note

London, Jan. 2. The Soviet Embassy here refused today to receive a Laotian Government protest note against Soviet deliveries of arms and supplies to the Laotian rebels, an official source said tonight.

The Soviet Embassy indicated that the USSR did not recognise the Laotian Government headed by pro-American Premier Boun Oum.—AFP.

While American yesterday alerted her armed forces for possible intervention against the Reds, Britain made further moves to steady the situation.

Foreign Secretary Lord Home invited American Ambassador John Hay Whitney to 45 minute talk at the Foreign Office.

Lord Home is believed to have emphasised these points to Mr Whitney:

Firstly, Britain still sees no firm evidence that regular troops of North Vietnam have crossed into Laos; secondly, a peaceful solution can be found. Prince Boun Oum, Premier of Laos, should widen his government to include neutralist members.

Pressing

Behind the scenes, Britain has been pressing for the Peace Control Commission—Canada, Poland and India—which was disbanded in 1958 to return to work in Laos.

The United States has been lukewarm and under Washington's influence the Premier has refused to commit himself.

Now signs are that Britain has swung Washington over to her way of thinking and a message from Premier Boun Oum saying he is willing to have the commission reconvened is expected in London within 24 hours.

Earlier today the United States announced it was taking "normal precautionary actions" to increase the readiness of its Pacific forces because of the Laos crisis.

In a brief statement, the Defence Department added that this included "measures to increase the alert capability of the Pacific Command."

The Defence Department statement came as President Eisenhower called in Mr Christian Herter, Secretary of State, and other top officials for a one-hour talk on the Laos situation.

Close touch

Mr James Hagerly, Presidential Press Secretary, said when questioned about the "precautionary measures" referred to in the Defence Department statement: "I would say that this was done with the knowledge of the President and in the light of State obligations."

Speaking after Mr Eisenhower's meeting with Mr Herter, he said that the U.S. Government's position remained as on Saturday, when the State Department said that the United States would take a serious view of any outside interference in the Laos fighting.

Mr Eisenhower, he added, would continue to keep in "close touch" with the situation.

Meanwhile in Paris, authoritative French sources said today that they believed it urgent for the Western Powers to act jointly to help restore internal unity in Laos and ensure non-intervention by foreign powers.

They said the conflict between forces of rightist General Phoumi Nosavan and Premier Prince Boun Oum on one side, and the pro-Communist Pathet Lao on the other, threatened to become an all-out civil war—with all the dangerous implications this would have on the international scene.—Reuters and AFP.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY BUS CRASH



Douglas McMillan, "football mad" reserve for Sheffield Wednesday, was trapped in this twisted wreckage on Boxing Day on the way home from playing Arsenal.

He had to have his right leg amputated on the spot before he could be removed from the wreckage. Six other players were injured in the same accident. McMillan was sitting in the front of the coach when it struck a telephone pole and ran into a ditch.

—Express Photo.

Dag reprimands Belgium for aiding Mobutu

United Nations, Jan. 2. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld disclosed today he had delivered a sharp rebuke to Belgium for allegedly aiding troops of Congo's strongman Colonel Joseph Mobutu in Sunday's incursion into Kivu Province.

The Secretary-General published the text of a note in which he told Belgian Ambassador Walter Lorrain that Belgium had violated the "hands-off" resolutions of the United Nations by permitting Mobutu's troops to pass through the Belgian-administered trust territory of Ruanda-Urundi.

He said he found it difficult to believe the troops could have been landed by plane and then transported to the border of Kivu Province "without the knowledge of the responsible authorities of Belgium in the trust territory."

Ruanda-Urundi is part of the UN trusteeship system and is administered by Belgium for the United Nations.

Imporative

Mr Hammarskjöld called on Belgium to "take immediate and effective measures" to ensure that there will be no possibility of Belgian authorities in the trust territory of Ruanda-Urundi or elsewhere lending support directly or indirectly to military action by Congolese troops.

It is imperative, he added, that Belgium authorities in the future disarm any Congolese troops entering the territory, and if necessary, guard them so that they do not engage in military action.

Mr Hammarskjöld's special representative, Indian diplomat Rajeshwar Dayal, said in a report that about 100 Congolese troops had crossed into Kivu Province from Ruanda-Urundi at dawn on Sunday.

Their mission apparently was to persuade local Congolese

Castro to cut U.S. Embassy staff

Havana, Jan. 2. Premier Fidel Castro said tonight that within 48 hours the United States Embassy here will be permitted to have only 11 persons, the same number Cuba has in Washington.

In a speech before an estimated 250,000 persons during the observance of his revolution anniversary, in which tanks and guns supplied by the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia were displayed in a 7½-hour parade before comparatively small crowds, Premier Castro said the move was being made to stop U.S. espionage.

Climaxing second anniversary observances of his revolution, Castro said the U.S. Embassy in Havana has about 300 persons and "more than 80 per cent are spies."

GET OUT

"If they all want to get out, let them," he said. The crowd chanted: "Let them go, let them go."

Premier Castro also announced that the Cabinet will meet on January 4 to sanction the death penalty for terrorists and those found with terrorist material, an obvious move to counter the recent state of bombings.

The latest bomb exploded this morning, injuring five persons.—UPI.

Child locked in with dead mother

New York, Jan. 3. The Christmas tree was still fresh and gaily decorated. Beside it on the living room floor were a brightly dressed doll and other gifts for a child.

The policeman saw these things first after breaking into the locked apartment.

Then, walking into the adjoining bedroom, he saw two pyjama-clad figures.

Lying on the floor, huddled close to the cold and quiet body of her mother, was a three-year-old girl.

Her hair was blonde, and her blue eyes stared upward at the ceiling.

EMACIATED

Emaciated and thin, the child was so weak that she could make no sound.

A glance told the officer that the mother had been dead for days.

The child, not comprehending such things as death, apparently had lain there all the while, frightened, alone and hungry.

But near her mother.

Mrs Jennie McKiernan, a widow at 33 and suffering from a heart condition, apparently had suffered an attack and fallen from her bed to the floor.

A sister, who lives on Long Island, had been unable to reach Mrs McKiernan by telephone.

Anxious and concerned, she called police.—AP.

Blizzard ends

Tokyo, Jan. 3. Japan's severest blizzard after paralyzing northern Honshu's railways and moroing about 150,000 travellers in snowbound trains and remote villages.

The majority of about 80 stalled trains started moving again last night, but national railway headquarters said it would take two more days to completely unsmarl the worst tie-up in more than half a century of railroading.—AP.

Landing gear buckles

Paris, Jan. 3. An Air France Boeing jet airliner with 92 passengers aboard buckled a landing gear when a gust of wind struck it as it was landing at Orly airport here late last night and skidded several hundred yards down the runway into a rain soaked field. No one was hurt.

The huge aircraft was part buried in the deep mud with two of its engines covered. —Reuters.

POLICE CLASH WITH PICKETS IN NAMUR

Brussels, Jan. 2. Socialist "shock troops" from the strikebound "red belt" of south Belgium piled into Brussels-bound trains today ready to demonstrate tomorrow against the austerity bill, while police and pickets clashed in new violence at Namur.

Both in Brussels and in the provinces, mass demonstrations are planned tomorrow in an all-out bid to stop the voting on the Government's bill for economies to pay for the Congo.

King Baudouin conferred tonight with Mr Gaston Eyskens, the Catholic Prime Minister, and Mr Rene Leleux, Liberal Interior Minister, who are unofficially said to have reported to him on security measures to prevent bloodshed tomorrow.

Shake-up

In Namur, centre of the militant south, Socialist trade union leaders today called for a shake-up of national institutions to aid "the development of regions."

Reports circulated in Liege that the Socialists would if necessary commandeer the town's taxis to get to Brussels.

The groups arriving in Brussels tonight were described by police as "the toughest."

Mr Andre Ranaard, 43-year-old former metal worker, Assistant Secretary General of the Socialist-dominated Belgian General Federation of Labour, called off a mass meeting in Liege tomorrow. Instead he summoned his metal workers to meet on a plain near the village of Ivoz on the Liege-Paris road.

A party source said this change of tactics may have been to prevent Communists from snatching the initiative out of Socialist hands.

Complicated

The wave of nation-wide strikes is complicated by the deep political, religious and cultural divisions between the overwhelmingly Catholic Flemish-speaking north and the predominantly Socialist and anti-Catholic, French-speaking south—Wallonia.

The strikers, including Flemish Socialists, represent just under half of the Belgian working class. The other half consists of Catholic trade unionists, mostly Flemings, who last week decided to stay out of the strike and combat it.—Reuters.

Netherlands Cabinet not to resign

Amsterdam, Jan. 2. Outgoing Premier Dr Jan de Quay went to the Royal palace tonight to ask Queen Juliana to cancel his Cabinet's resignation, a Government spokesman said.

After an 11-day crisis the Dutch Cabinet is expected to stay on, composed exactly as before, the spokesman said.

The coalition government of middle-of-the-road Catholic Liberals, and right-wing parties resigned after being defeated on a housing issue.

Today the Cabinet submitted a draft to the critical right-wing parties for an amended housing programme. A compromise, has apparently now been reached between these parties and the Government.—AP.

Eastern U.S. snowed under

Chicago, Jan. 2. New snow kept the New Year white in much of the eastern United States today.

One storm front spread snow across the Mississippi Valley into the Ohio River basin, Pennsylvania and New England. Another upland snow across the northern plains.

United Press International counted at least 10 deaths blamed on snow, ice or over-exertion since the start of the New Year.

Bitter cold backed up the snows in the northern Midwest and Rockies.

Plattsburgh, New York, measured 17 inches of snow and Albany a foot.—UPI.

Fire loss record

New York, Jan. 3. The International Association of Fire Chiefs report fire losses in the U.S. for 1960 were the highest on record.

The association calculated the losses at between \$1,125,000,000 and \$1,175,000,000.—AP.

NO ENTREE TO WHITE HOUSE

New York, Jan. 2. Two old friends from service days were playing golf at Monterey, California last Memorial Day. On the 15th hole, one of the golfers drove to the green with a No 7 iron and the ball headed unerringly toward the pin.

"Go in!" yelled one golfer. "No, no!" shouted the man who had sent the ball on its way.

After the ball stopped a few inches short of the cup, according to the current Look magazine, the golfer who had wanted the ball to plop into the cup asked the other why he had shouted "No, no."

"If I had made a hole-in-one," said Senator John Kennedy, "it would make the front page, and people would say 'Oh, just another golfer trying to get into the White House?'"—UPI.

Somalis stage angry rallies

TENSE ATMOSPHERE FOLLOWING BORDER CLASHES

Mogadiscio, Jan. 2.
Irate crowds demonstrated against neighbouring Ethiopia and the United States today in this capital of newly independent Somalia.

The atmosphere in this African republic was tense following border clashes between Ethiopian troops and Somali tribesmen in which 120 people were reported killed.

CASUALTIES AMONG ETHIOPIANS

Addis Ababa, Jan. 2.
Almost 400 Ethiopian tribesmen have been wounded and an unknown number killed during the last two days in tribal clashes with Somali tribesmen in the southeastern Ethiopian province of Harar, it was learned today.

Official Ethiopian government comment on the reports was expected later.

Earlier today 80 seriously wounded Ethiopians were flown to Addis Ababa from Harar for hospital treatment. Medical orderlies accompanying the wounded said 300 less seriously wounded Ethiopians are receiving treatment in Harar province.

NEW FLAREUP
This is the latest and most serious series of tribal clashes in this province which have been taking place since last September.

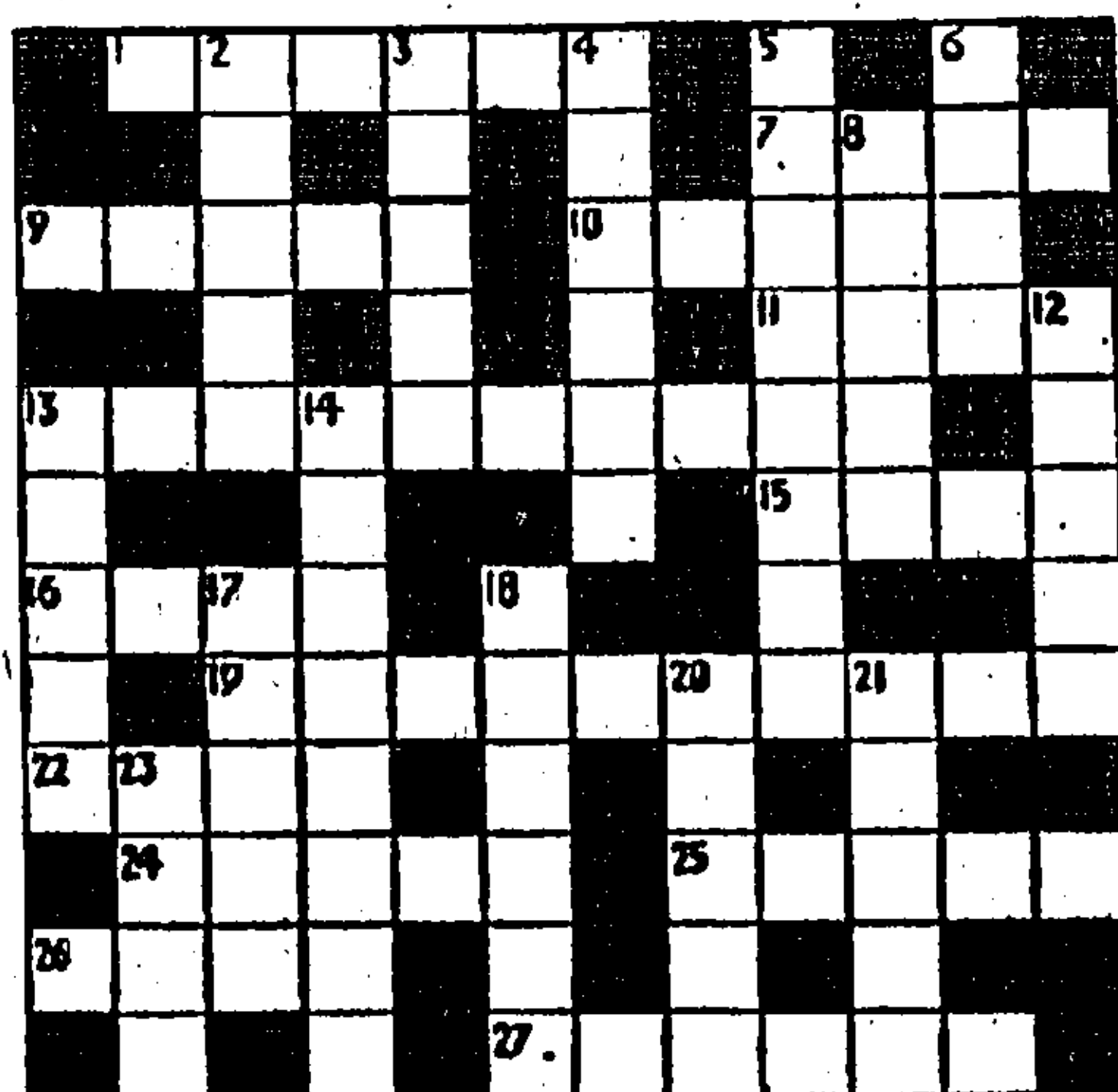
On Dec. 29, the Ethiopian Information Ministry revealed that two Ethiopian policemen and five tribesmen were killed by raiding Somalis in clashes during the previous four weeks in the Ogaden region of Harar province between the townships of Aware and Wardere.

A Ministry spokesman said at the same time the situation had returned to normal but the latest report indicated there has been a new major flareup.—AP.

Another Nixon

Helena, Montana, Jan. 2.
Richard Nixon was elected last night as majority leader to the Montana Senate. Nixon, of Hogeland, Montana, is a liberal-minded Democrat.—UPI.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
1 One having a late meal? (6)
7 School of noto-but back-ward? (4)
9 Your best card? (5)
10 No longer anonymous. (5)
11 Country of the Shatis. (4)
13 Shores out. (10)
15 Hart or hind. (4)
16 Amphibian. (4)
19 Give new life to. (10)
22 Of the dog? (4)
24 Be supreme. (5)
25 The people for whiskey. (5)
26 Some ovent. (4)
27 Where to train. (6)
- DOWN**
2 Take over illegally. (5)
3 Tom's father? (5)
4 Gone off—to Scotland Yard? (6)
5 Knot in a handkerchief. (5)
6 Weakens fire-water! (4)
8 Saying very little. (5)
12 Cheek! (5)
13 Letter often dropped. (5)
14 Issuing instructions. (6)
17 Spirit of broadcasting? (5)
18 Real game! (5)
20 Feminine name. (5)
21 Friend of some cowboys. (5)
23 In Italy the air is different. (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Copper, 4 Above, 7 Nifty, 8 Lorry, 10 Late, 12 Did-died, 15 Hark, 16 East, 17 Dove, 18 Meant, 20 Everted, 21 Sore, 23 Cevil, 24 Covert, 25 Leant, 26 Lench, Down: 1 Conclude, 2 Punitive, 3 Eats, 5 Broadens, 6 Varies, 9 Sided, 11 Election, 12 Dances, 13 Lateness, 14 Detected, 18 Ornate, 22 Hole.

A son to Mary and Joseph



A boy was born in Edinburgh nine minutes after midnight, nine minutes into Christmas Day. His father's name is Joseph. His mother's name is Mary.

The odds against this coincidence—"To Mary and Joseph, on Christmas Day, a son" are reckoned at hundreds of millions to one.

Christmas bells were pealing from a near-by church when 23-year-old Mrs Mary Fernie, of Edinburgh, gave birth to the 7 lb 14 oz boy in the Queen Mary Maternity Home. At 12.30 an husband Joseph, a 28-year-old electrician, phoned to learn that he was the father of Scotland's first Christmas baby.

"What a Christmas present!" said Mrs Fernie. "He was expected three days ago. Now I'm glad I had to wait." The baby is to be called Derek Joseph.

Picture shows: Mary and Joseph Fernie with their son, born on Christmas Day, 1960.—Express photo.

Two-way fare

Pasadena, Jan. 2.
Twenty persons paid 50 cents each to view the Tournament of Roses parade today from the roof of a two-story building.

When the parade had passed, they discovered someone had taken away the ladder with which they had climbed to the roof.

Finally, 45 minutes later, somebody else brought another ladder. He charged them one dollar each to come down.—AP.

Film stars separate

Hollywood, Jan. 2.
American actor Ernest Borgnine and Mexican actress Katy Jurado have had a quarrel and are separated, it was reported today. They married a year ago in Mexico City.

Borgnine told a newsman: "I have no idea where Katy is, except that she is with friends. She is still my wife."—AP.

IRISH DELIGHTED AT VISIT OF ANTONY AND MARGARET

Birr, Jan. 2.
Princess Margaret sat in front of a roaring log fire today, sipped a gin and tonic and daintily shuffled a pack of cards.

Outside the rain-beat on the battlements of Birr Castle where Margaret and her husband, Antony Armstrong-Jones, are spending an Irish winter vacation.

Widow Margaret and the ladies among them her mother-in-law, the Countess of Rosse—played cards, a favourite card game with British royalty, Antony and the men were out shooting.

Mr Armstrong-Jones was accompanied by his stepfather, the Earl of Rosse, who owns the castle. Billy Walker, an old friend of Princess Margaret's, the gamekeeper, Pat Molloy, and a local policeman, Chief Inspector Fred Croker.

It rained heavily and they came in at 4 pm without a shooan between them. They warmed up with hot punch.

SHOOTING FORAY

Antony and the other men joined a party of guests who have arrived at Birr for tomorrow's big shooting foray against the pheasants that abound in the tall grass around the castle.

Tony spent much of his boyhood at Birr and this morning he took Margaret for a walk to St Brendan's wishing well, one of the favourite haunts of his childhood.

Meanwhile the Irish were travelling in publicity that the Bir-

NEW U.S. CONGRESS SET FOR FIRST SESSION

Washington, Jan. 2.
The new Democratic-controlled Congress convenes tomorrow. There is speculation about how it will react to a new president with "new frontier" ideas to the situation in Laos.

For the first time for six years one party, the Democrats, will control both the White House and Congress when President-elect John Kennedy is inaugurated on January 20.

This is expected by many political observers to lead to greater harmony between the executive and legislative branches of the government and to smooth the way for dealing with domestic problems such as medical aid to the aged, increased federal assistance to education, an increased minimum wage and help for depressed areas.

COMPOSITION

It is considered unlikely, however, that Mr Kennedy will attempt to push through a massive legislative programme during the traditional "honeymoon" between the executive and Congress after a new president takes office.

The Senate, which is made up of two senators from each of the

50 states, will be composed of 85 Democrats and 35 Republicans in the 87th Congress.

In the House of Representatives there will be 281 Democrats and 176 Republicans, unless there are changes as the result of election recounts in some districts.

Among the early duties of the Congress will be to listen to the state of the union message, the budget proposals and the economic message which the retiring president, Mr Eisenhower, will deliver in the next ten days or so.

It is expected that soon after January 20 Mr Kennedy will present amendments to the budget to make it conform to his policies. He might, however, submit a complete substitute.—Reuter.

Tamils stage 'black flag' protest

Colombo, Jan. 2.
Black flags flew today on cars, taxis, bicycles and buildings in north and east Ceylon—where most of Ceylon's one million Tamils live—in protest against now language laws.

All shops and restaurants closed down as a protest against the failure of the government to give Tamil the same official standing as Sinhalese, spoken by roughly seven million, which yesterday replaced English as official language of this multi-racial island.

BUS STONED

The Tamils are also protesting at the government's unwillingness to allow Tamil to be used in law courts.

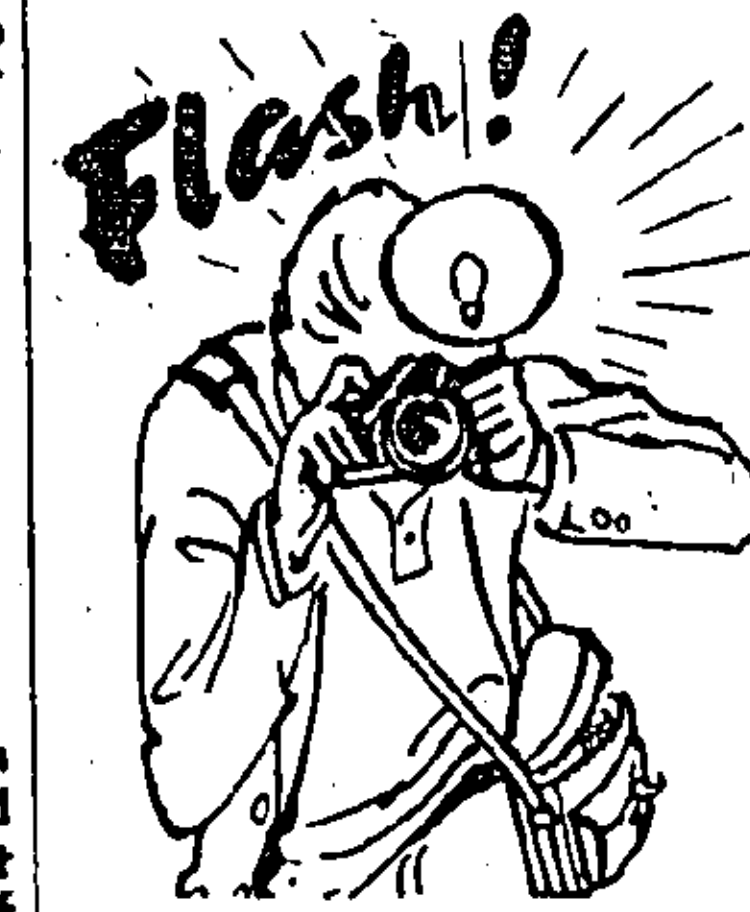
Police said there was no major violence, but reported that in one northern town telephone wires were cut and in another a bus stoned.

In the east Ceylon town of Batticaloa lawyers boycotted the courts.—AP.

Attempt to climb peak

Munich, Jan. 2.
A 13-man German climbing expedition will attempt an ascent of the 26,660-foot Nanga Parbat peak in Kashmir this spring, it was announced today.

The group, led by Dr Michael Herrlich of Munich, it will approach the peak from the west. All other attempts, including the first successful ascent in 1953, were on the east flank.—UPI.



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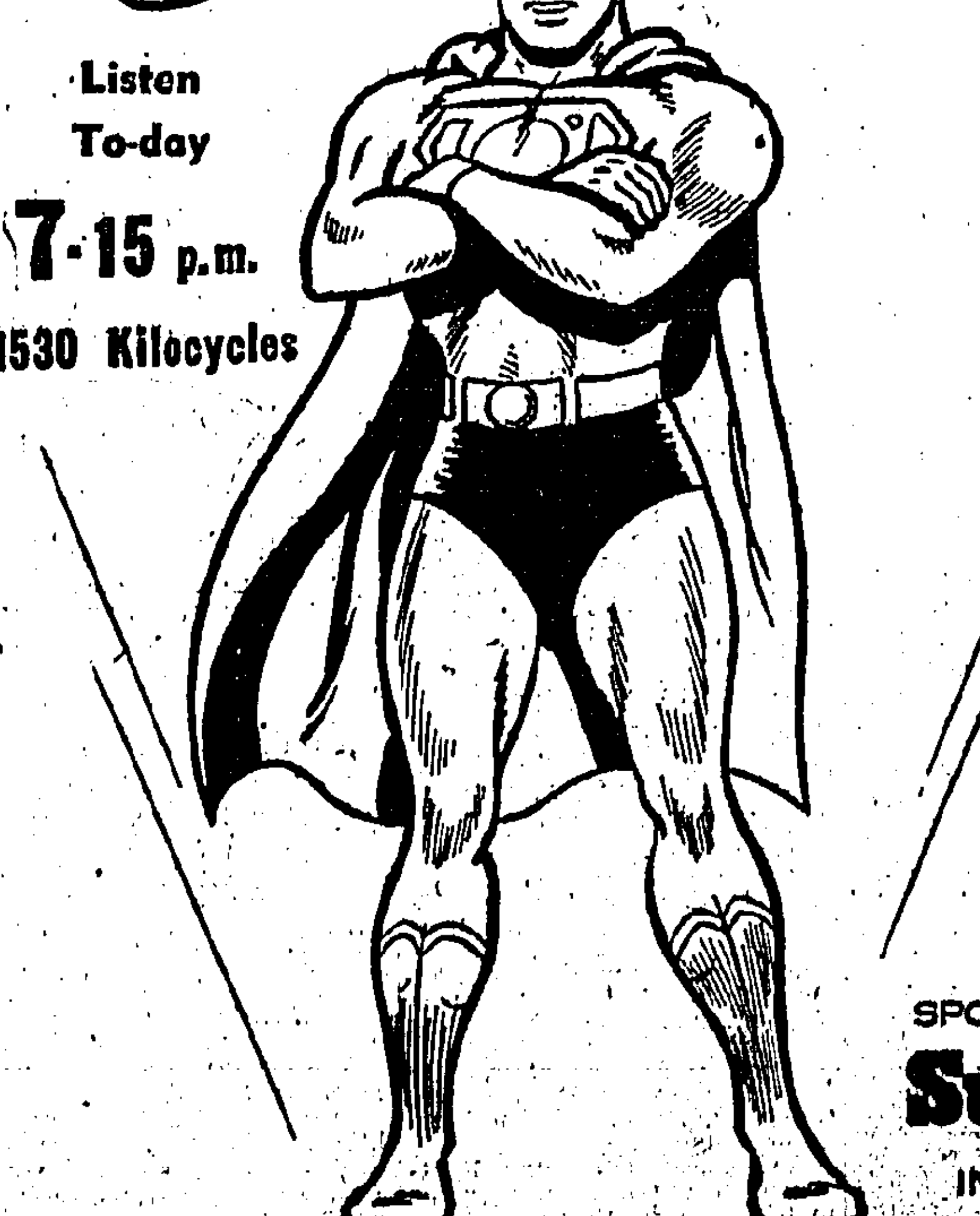
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LETTERS FROM YOU TO THE EDITOR

Illegally parked cars

Enclosed are two photos. I took these at the bottom of Austin-road. In the first photo the first six cars on the right are illegally parked. All the cars on the left are also illegally parked, as I had a very narrow escape while walking down I immediately took the photos from Chatham-road.

You can see the dangerous congestion of traffic in the lower photo as a result. You can also see pedestrians in the middle. There is no pavement in this bottleneck. The motorists couldn't care less.

The police apparently can do nothing about it. On a previous occasion I call a traffic constable's attention to it. I got a very polite smile but he took no action.

Occasionally I have noticed that some of the cars get a warning notice put on their wind-screens. That doesn't disturb the motorist, he just says to himself: "So what?" One day I saw a motorist tear one of these notices up and throw it down in the street.

Why can't we have traffic wardens with authority to put a notice on offending cars ordering them to report to a police station and pay a fine of \$100, or be prosecuted. The notice to state that for further offences the fine will be trebled.

Today, the position was worsened by the parking of four motor cycles at the end of the six illegally parked cars on the right and the parking of an extra car on the left. People using the pavement there, had to step out into the traffic in Chatham-road.

Owing to my employment I have to go through this dangerous spot and one day I counted no less than eleven cars parked outside the defined parking limits, and the entrance to Jordan path was completely blocked.

When motorists complain of lack of parking facilities I say, let them use public transport like the rest of us (excepting doctors and police of course).

ANGRY PEDESTRIAN.

Sand joke

Being half sozzled and about to celebrate New Year in my traditional alcoholic way, my attention was drawn to the following article appearing in your paper last Friday: "Three new sand depots — and price goes up".

Of course I at first contributed the effort to your delicate sense of humour, and being a fan of your paper, I thought perhaps the joke might contain a certain amount of truth.

If this is true, may I suggest that you advise those wizards in Government who are responsible for such an article, to take an elementary course in business training and procedure, or else let us poor importers get in on this million dollar concern and again import that good quality sand from China at considerably less cost, only this time without restrictions.

"ADDICT".

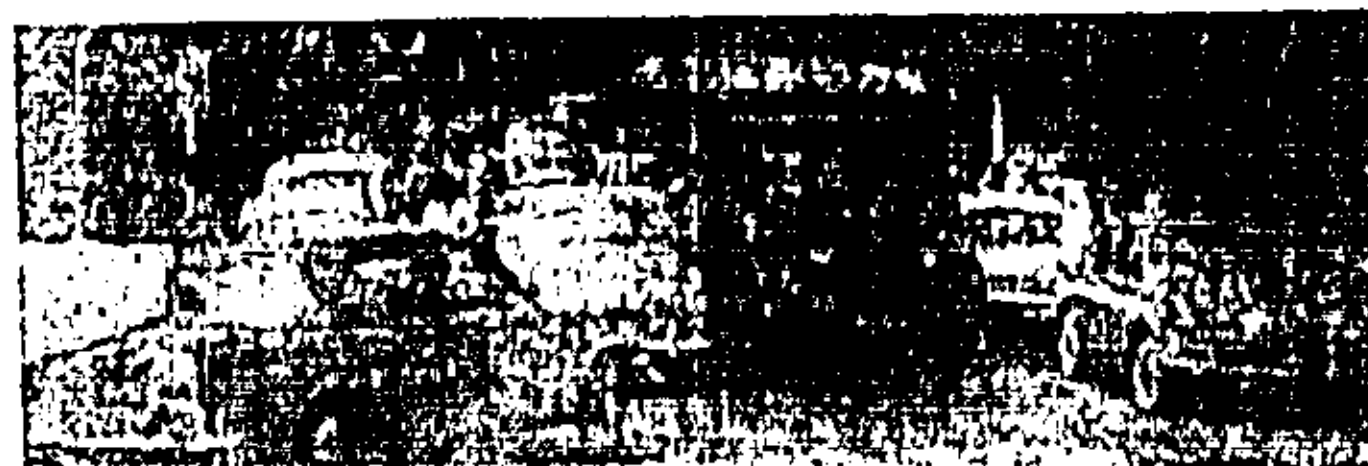
dear sir

Farewell state

Permit me to crave your usual kind indulgence in the use of your valuable space to make some comments on your and a correspondent's comments in the issue of your paper of Friday, December 30.

First, allow me to express my sentiments concerning your (gallant?) Colonel's observations on the inhuman slaughtering of the Ethiopian rebels which he has justified by generous quotations from the

dear sir



Old Testaments and seemed to enjoy the sight of the miserable condemned being decapitated.

All I can say is that I am sure I shall not relish seeing that gentleman being similarly treated, and I hope I never shall.

The Colonel really shocked and disgusted me by his casual regard towards the savage behaviour of the Ethiopian Government.

Then, turning to your own interesting 'Comment' of the day in the same issue, for once I am inclined to disagree with you in my inebriated condition of mind. Why shouldn't we have a Welfare State and let everyone be indolent?

Just think: even you, Sir, will enjoy life without doing a stroke of work. Why, Sir, all you need do is to telephone your benevolent Uncle Arthur to send someone with your regular allowance of dubious while you recline upon your hammock in the garden.

Imagine sending enough to be indolent and let the government wet-nurse 'em! Remember a month or so ago when someone asked something about knocking some sense into our lazy breed of charge and was told that it simply couldn't be done because there wouldn't be enough dough in the till for the purpose?

How much was it our benevolent Uncle said would be needed to teach our precocious darlings the two dozen alphabets? It was something like umpteen millions of silver dollars, enough to sink this leaky colony of ours to the bottom of the China Sea.

BUT—this is the important point—but it is a different matter altogether if Hongkong is to have the Welfare State. It's to be the Welfare State while the tinkling brass lasts, and then it will be the Farewell State when the 300 odd slaves have been well and truly milked to the last drop.

The quicker the Quakers raise the tax, the sooner this 'cheeser' will go down to the bottom. Another thing, since Hongkong has no Member in the House of Parliament and as our Labour MPs are reluctant to labour on behalf of their constituents, how about having the whole lot of them poking their combined noses

into our affairs instead of minding their own business, if they are capable of doing that?

Welfare State, indeed! Pass me the hankie and let me blow my nose!

LAZY BONE.
(some time Disgusted).

dear sir

Big business

In Comment of the Day of your Tuesday, December 6 and Friday, December 30 issues you have used the phrase "we have no brief for big business". According to Collier's New Practical Dictionary "to hold a brief" means "to be on the side of, champion, aid". The antithesis is "to hold no brief for" or, as you say, "to have no brief for".

Now, whilst you may not, in fact, hold any special brief for big business in particular, I find it hard to believe that you can be entirely antipathetic towards it. There are, however, not a few who will choose to infer that you are, and your ensuing remarks on Friday, December 29 "But simply recognise the important contribution it is making to Hongkong's economic prosperity" will be taken by them as no more than a grudging admission that in the exceptional case of Hongkong big business has not been altogether disadvantageous.

For myself, I think yours is an understatement, for Hongkong owes its very existence to big business, though admittedly not to big business alone. But bigness is purely a relative attribute. The organisation by whom I am employed is big by international standards, and whether the opponents of big business—and it is big free enterprise that they oppose—care to grant it or not, it is a fact that we, as an organisation, are the better service to the communities we serve because we are big.

But surely, sir, you would consider that there are some big concerns in your own line of business, a business which depends to a high degree on those who have goods and services to sell.

It is perhaps salutary for us all, therefore, to reflect that were there no free competitive enterprise, whether big or small, there would be no advertising—but, then, of course, there might be no freedom of speech either.

R. A. U. TODD.

McCloy named as chief of disarmament body

Palm Beach, Fla., Jan. 2. President-elect John F. Kennedy today selected John J. McCloy, New York banker and former president of the World Bank, to direct the disarmament reports of the new administration.

McCloy, a Republican, was named Director of the United States Disarmament Administration, set up in the State Department directly under the Secretary. The McCloy appointment was made in consultation with Secretary of State-designate Dean Rusk.

PURPOSE
The disarmament administration was set up last summer by Secretary of State Christian A. Herter as the central planning agency in the field of disarmament. Purpose of the agency was to initiate research into arms control problems and develop policy for the guidance of American disarmament negotiators at Geneva and in the United Nations.

McCloy, while a Republican, served in the administrations of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt and former President Truman.—UPI.

Juin stripped of personal staff

Paris, Jan. 2. France's highest-ranking officer, Marshal Alphonse Juin, was today stripped of his four-officer personal staff, by an official decree, because he no longer took part in the deliberations of the national defence council.

Marshal Juin, a critic of the Government's Algerian policy, was removed from the council last week by a government decree withdrawing the automatic right of marshals (Juin is the only living holder of this rank) to participate in the council.

Marshal Juin's staff had consisted of one colonel and three other officers—half the number of officers allowed him under a law of 1954.

U.S. DEATHS

Chicago, Jan. 2. Deaths on U.S. streets and highways rose at a fast rate today, the last day of the long New Year weekend.

Fatalities numbered 270 in traffic, 54 in fires and 55 in accidents of other kinds for an over-all total of 379.—AP.

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THE GILES GUIDE TO GOOD EATING

...or why English husbands are such a virile crowd...

BANG goes another legend. Like most Englishmen I have been brought up to believe that among the many things the English can't do as well as the rest of the world is cook, but recently came news which suggested that the gourmet who spread that story was badly misinformed. First there was friend Hickey telling us that 65 per cent of the food served at Maxim's, the famous French restaurant, was English.

Next came a quotation from the famous Scot, John Wilson (1785-1854): "I must confess that I like the Englishers, if they would be so pernickety about what they eat." Then joy! Here we have Barbara Cartland, authoress-mother of Lady Lewisham saying: "It is a wise wife who remembers that if she wants a young, vigorous, exciting husband, she must see that he gets meat and two veg. each day."

HAPPY BREED

I ASSUME that the lady, like myself, occasionally dines at one of the many average Englishman's canteens up and down Britain where one can observe the happy breed getting "a jolly good helping of meat and two vegetables, which would give him vitality and new enthusiasm for his afternoon's work." Or night's work, as the case might be.

For those of you who only dine at the more expensive restaurants or get your lunch cut of a paper bag, the accompanying indexed illustration may help to prove that Lady Lewisham's mummy is quite right:—

1. **VIGOROUS**, exciting husband taking his indigestion pills.
2. **EXCITING**, vigorous, producing veg.
3. **VIGOROUS** husband eagerly drinking tea to take away the taste of exciting meat and two veg.
4. **VIRILE** husband who has eaten nothing else all his life saying: "Here we go again."
5. **ANOTHER** vigorous husband sleeping off the effects of

this exciting meat and two veg.

6. **ENERGETIC** husband thinking that if he hadn't had so much damn meat and two veg. there would not be so many hungry little mouths to feed.

7. **ANOTHER** exciting meat and two veg. coming up.

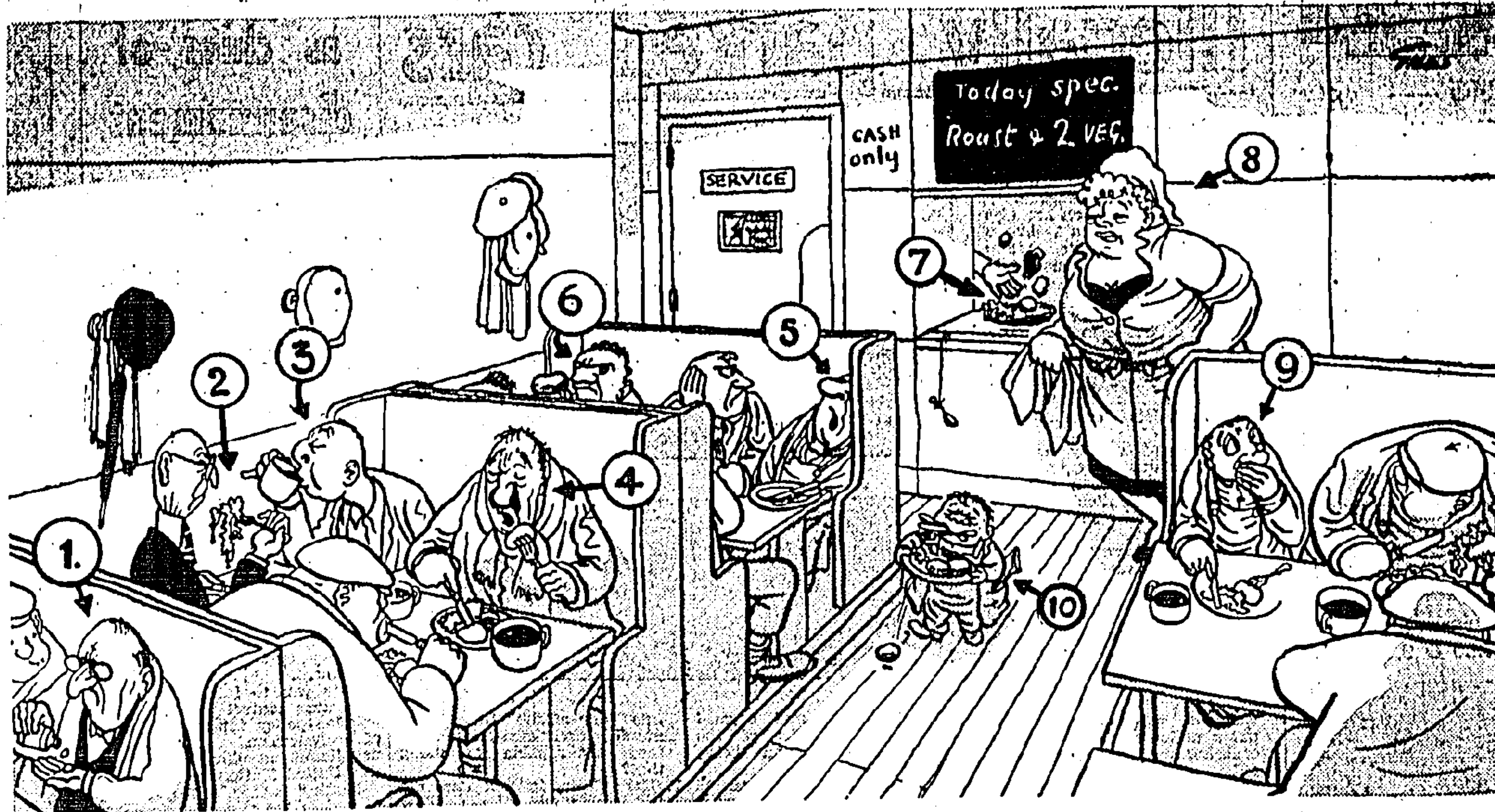
8. **WAITRESS** thinking: "Boy, am I glad my old man's a vegetarian."

9. **VIGOROUS**, exciting husband saying: "Pardon?"

10. **FUTURE** vigorous, exciting husband starting off on the right foot.

Excuse me while I slip out for a light snack of escargots, grouse, and what-have-you.

—(London Express Service).



Thomas Wiseman's LIMELIGHT

THERE are two plays now running on Broadway which depict American political life as vicious and ruthless, and a Presidential election as a kind of prize-fight without a referee, a fight in which no punch is considered below the belt provided it lands, and no end is thought sufficiently dubious not to justify even worse means.

New Yorkers, scarcely out of the voting booths, are flocking to these two plays, *Advise and Consent* and *The Best Man*, obviously enjoying their democratic right to see democracy lambasted.

It is an endearing characteristic of the American people that while they will fight to the last mutation in defence of their way of life, they enjoy nothing so much

as a play or a film which exposes the tawdriness of their most cherished institutions. Roosevelt was disgusted by *Advise and Consent* and came out of it saying: "If this were wartime, I think one would cry it is true that Mrs. Eleanor treason at this play."

Benevolent

ON the other hand, the President-elect, Mr. Jack Kennedy, visited *The Best Man* not long ago, laughed at jokes about the electorate trusting a millionaire because he would not be inclined to steal their money, and congratulated the author, Mr. Gore Vidal, and the cast on their accurate re-creation of a political convention. The benevolent attitude of the President-elect is remarkable when you consider what the play is about. It is set at a political convention. The two principal characters are seeking nomination as their party's Presidential candidate.

To secure the nomination, one of the aspirants to the Presidency, Cantwell, steals a medical report which can be twisted to suggest that his rival, Russell, is mentally unstable.

The third principal character, an ex-President whose endorsement is sought by both would-be candidates, approves of this as sound politics. He encourages Russell to retaliate with a totally false accusation of homosexuality against Cantwell.

When Russell has misgivings about using such dirty methods, the ex-President will no longer support him, saying that a man who is so ill-livered, so divided by conscience, isn't fit to be President.

Not only did the President-elect enjoy the play, he actually contributed some of his most cynical lines.

Gore Vidal, the author, has been a friend of the President-elect since childhood and he showed him a draft copy of the play before it was put on.

Suggestions

KENNEDY considered it authentic in mood and feeling and suggested a few additional lines of dialogue.

One suggestion made by the President-elect: "When a delegate is about to give you the knife, he always says, 'Now look if there's anything I can do for you, you just let me know.'"

Vidal gratefully accepted such expert help, though he is himself well-versed in the methods of American politics. An author with a high reputation in America — he wrote his first best-seller at the age of

THE TRUTH ABOUT LULU...

SALLY DOUGLAS, a 40-year-old former secretary, has been in the film business for almost one year and has made eleven films. At HK\$200 a day, she considers it a congenial way of making a living until she gets married.

In the course of her short career Miss Douglas—her real name is Kesselton and she is a doctor's daughter from Richmond—has been a harlem girl, a night club dancer, a hot-check girl, an Arab hand-maiden, a beatnik, a Hawaiian cutie, a beauty queen, etc.; she has worn diaphanous trousers, bathing costumes, silky robes, a gym slip, tight, black stockings, etc.

"I suppose we're just used to lead audiences to expect more than they're going to get," she conceded philosophically. "For instance, this film I've just done, *Weekend with Lulu*. In the publicity I'm shown in a scanty costume and they make out that I'm Lulu. Actually Lulu is a caravan. PICTURE BY MICHAEL WARD



Nkrumah chokes the voice that dared to roar

by JOHN REDFERN

THE Ashanti Pioneer's pioneering days are over. No longer will the Pioneer stride forward blazing the trail to lost freedoms. Today the Pioneer crawls.

Perhaps you never heard of this newspaper. Its circulation is only a few thousands. It is printed on a flatbed machine in an old building in the heart of Kumasi, capital of Ashanti, Ghana's coccoland.

But for year after year it stood for courage and the right to speak courageously.

It opposed Dr. Nkrumah, President of the Republic of Ghana.

NO CRITICS

NOW, hat in hand, it announces that it is going to support him and his Convention People's Party "in the task of national reconstruction."

President Nkrumah is entitled to feel pleased. For now there is no organ of criticism for him to bother about.

The other newspapers play it safe.

If in doubt about the reception of a news story, they consult the President's office.

Will it be all right...? Thank you, sir... Of course, Your Excellency.

For years, by contrast, the Pioneer took its own line.

When the lorries trundled its ill-printed, old-fashioned-looking copies down the 200-mile road to Accra, the capital, there were always top people in the Nkrumah set-up eager to see what they had to say.

REMEMBERED

THE paper was thrown together. Its news coverage was sketchy.

But every day, either in the leading article or in a column attributed to "Brother Culture," it had something to say about the things that matter in any State—the rights of the citizens, the behaviour of Ministers, the conduct of Government.

Mr. Krobo Edusei, Minister of Transport and Minister of State for Communications, was reporter and debt collector in the Pioneer in the 'forties.

When he enjoyed massive power for three months as Minister of the Interior, he remembered his old paper.

He telephoned John Tsiabo, managing director, and threatened him and his jolly wife Nancy. "I'll close you down!" he yelled.

The Tsiabos reported the threats to the police, but nothing happened, of course.

The paper carried on in the usual way. Nancy Tsiabo, a children's court magistrate, worked hard as national treasurer of the United (Opposition) Party.

During this period a school building she put up in Kumasi was bulldozed down—quite illegally as the courts decided.

The Tsiabos or their editorial staff were threatened from time to time with physical violence.

But the Pioneer kept on coming out, full of fight, and not ashamed of anything.

But its time for bravery was running out. Last August, articles dealing with labour unrest and demonstrations were taken as an excuse to start the strangulation process on the paper.

COMPROMISE

A CENSOR who hardly knew the difference between a newspaper office and a steam laundry was installed "in the editorial room." A few days later this fellow, actually a trade union official, was reinforced by a presidential decree putting the Pioneer under special censorship.

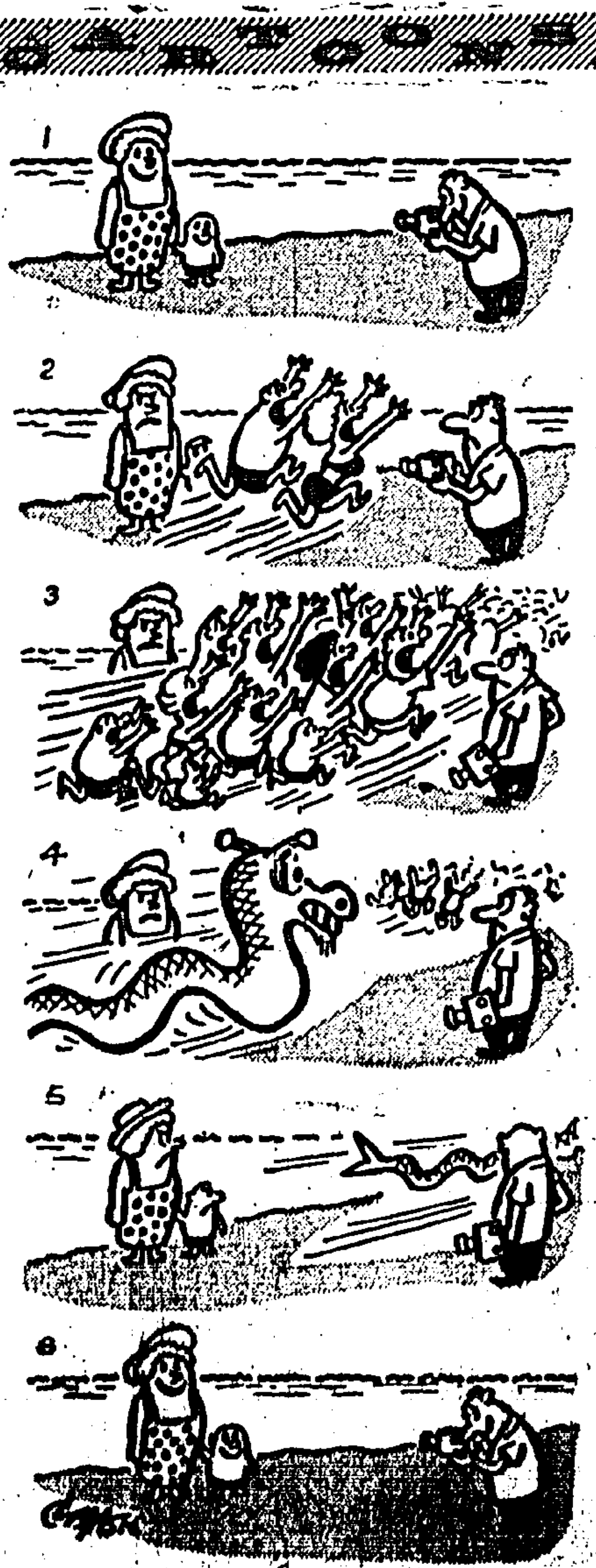
This attack was made when the Tsiabos were on leave in England. Some days the paper came out without any editorial comment. Some days it did not come out at all.

At this time, I saw John Tsiabo. Miserably, he whispered something about "compromise." The word nearly choked him.

Today President Nkrumah has succeeded in finally choking the newspaper.

Now when the lorries trundle into Accra in the early morning nobody will care.

They will be carrying the corpse of a paper that once was brave and bold, a true pioneer. —(London Express Service)



JUST FANCY THAT

THERE are snakes hanging in the collar of the Old Hall Tavern in Chingford, Essex—and the landlord's stock is safer than it's ever been.

Johnnie and Tia, both six-foot-long pythons, hang from a beam and no one has accepted 40-year-old Mr. Leonard Underwood's challenge to try to grab a bottle.

He says: "They are really very tame and only wrap themselves round you as a sign of friendship—but they'd soon squeeze the breath out of you."

★ ★ ★

MS JEREMIAH P. CRONIN, a New York cop, arrested a man—Jeremiah P. Cronin. She booked him on an assault charge. The victim? Himself. Cop Cronin says husband Jeremiah assaulted her. He was remanded on bail.

—(London Express Service).

A Broadway hit—additional dialogue by John F. Kennedy

Admirer

HIS father was a member of Roosevelt's Cabinet, and his grandfather, T. P. Gore, was for 30 years in the Senate and was at one time leader of the Democratic Party.

Vidal, now 35, vacillates between the worlds of politics, show-biz and literature. He is a literary critic, the author of eight novels, a politician, a playwright and a film script-writer.

He wrote a good deal of Ben Hur and also did the screenplay of *Suddenly Last Summer* which ends with a scene of cannibalism.

"I guess that film cost me the vegetarian vote," says Vidal.

He is not only a close friend but also an ardent admirer of Kennedy.

"What my play says is that our political system prevents us from having the best man as President and it also prevents us having the worst. I think this is generally true. But Kennedy is the exception.

Elated

THEODORE BIKEL, on leave from the Rodgers and Hammerstein Broadway show *The Sound of Music*, in which he stars with Mary Martin, came to see the other day to give me the statistics of his remarkable success.

His annual income has reached the 200,000-dollar level.

He said: "I make about 80,000 a year in *The Sound of Music*. Concerts bring me in another 40,000; records 30,000; and the rest I make from TV appearances."

Mr. Bikel is naturally elated about these tangible manifesta-

tions of success, but he admits that there are gaps in his life.

"I don't have much private life at the moment. I'm divorced from my wife and I find the pursuit of girls altogether too exhausting in America. They expect 16 dinners and weekends in Palm Springs before you get anywhere. Anyway, who's got weekends?"

"Besides, I'm beginning to find that reading a book is a more satisfying way of spending an evening than making love to a girl. When you've read a book you're left with something the next day."

TALKING POINTS

Where justice reigns, tis freedom to obey.

—JAMES MONTGOMERY.

Ambition is the last refuge of the failure.

—OSCAR WILDE.

Love is so very timid when 'tis new.

—BYRON.

WOMANSENSE

HELENA RUBINSTEIN AND THE PROBLEMS OF A 7TH HOME...

by
John Cruesemann

HOME used to be six places. Now, it is seven. Helena Rubinstein's Knightsbridge penthouse is almost ready, and the other day she went on a tour of inspection.

As she stepped into the huge living-room with its bold colours, mass of African sculpture, abstract paintings, opaline glass, and its thick carpets—all the burglar alarms went off.

She told me about it laughing at the memory.

There she sat, very still, dressed in a Chinese-style tunic of gold and green brocade, wearing a white bowler by Balenciaga, her voice soft and vibrant, looking exactly what she is: a shrewd old party who has made a vast fortune out of cosmetics and who now displays dignity and splendour. Flamboyance sits easily on her.

What did she think of this new flat which is so talked of? "I don't know yet," was her answer.

"You see, I am so accustomed to sitting up places of my own. But this time I simply had not got the energy, there is such a lot to do. Almost always I have arranged things myself.

The start—

"When I started in Australia in 1906 with very little money I designed all six rooms myself. In green with a different matching colour for each room, and wicker furniture. The builder was so impressed he offered to set me up as an interior decorator.

"But I refused. I had my business to attend to."

She had indeed. It was a business that was to bring her in time an apartment in New York, a house outside it at Greenwich, a flat on the Ile St Louis in Paris, a house near Fontainebleau (with another, smaller, one in the grounds), a flat in Buenos Aires, and another one in Sydney.

Then why, why, I asked, acquire another place in London, where she could live only a short time each year?

"I just wanted a sort of pied-a-terre," she said. "A place to entertain my friends. An hotel is no good for that.

"And England was my first real home when I first married. My children were born here."

Picasso

She enjoys buying. She was an early supporter of Picasso and now owns a notable selection of his work.

Recently Picasso has begun to paint her portrait whenever both have the time.

Last time they met, Picasso, a sprightly 78, asked: "Helena, how old are you?"

"Older than you, Pablo," came the retort. And it is true. She is at least 80.

The talk came back to that flat in London.

Even if one could detect a twinge of disappointment about it, Mme. Rubinstein was emphatic about one thing.

"It's definitely an apartment of the 1940s. It is the flat of a very modern woman who likes a change of pace. It's daring."

There is just one big room for entertaining. "Where I can give little suppers to my friends." It can hold 40 guests.

In the spring, Mme. Rubinstein goes off to Morocco where she has no house.

"I think," she smiled, "I have enough houses. But I might fall in love with Morocco and want to live there too."

And had she, I wondered, always got what she wanted?

"Who has?" she answered.

(The China Mail Service)



JEAN CAMPBELL
reports from MOSCOW

What it's like when the Khrushchevs say 'Come to tea...'

WE were invited to tea with the Khrushchev family.

Unhappily Mr Khrushchev was busy.

However, Mrs K with the help of her daughter, son and granddaughter, gave a most entertaining tea-party.

Mrs K and Mrs Gromyko, wife of the Foreign Minister, were also at the tea-party.

So, too, was our genial host, Mr Georgi Zhukov.

Tea in Russia is served in glasses, housed in silver holders. It is usually drunk with lemon and sugar.

The second drink is cordial—either lemon or cherry. Food,

as usual, was plentiful—nuts, cakes, ice-cream, chocolates.

Mrs K was dressed in pale grey-blue with a tiny horse-shoe brooch. She wore her hair coiled on her back in a long loose net.

Prettiest

Again I was impressed by her great warmth and merry smile. She wears neither make-up nor nail polish. Many toasts were drunk in both cordial and tea.

Peace, co-existence and lasting friendship. I was sitting between Mrs K and her 26-year-old son, Alexey, who is an engineering student who already has a one-year-old son himself.

The prettiest member of the Khrushchev family is their 22-year-old granddaughter, child of the Chairman's eldest son who was killed in the war.

She has been brought up by her grandparents. She is going to be a journalist. And she is blessed with a great sense of mischief.

During tea she passed me some delicious looking fruits. They seemed to be most inviting.

I took a large bite out of one of them and spat it out immediately. It tasted like white iodine.

Mrs Khrushchev's granddaughter roared with laughter and said: "Cold war—that's my kind of way of waging cold war."



Many people say that Mrs Khrushchev is just as bright and effective as her husband.

She is known to have a very profound, and at times a soothing, influence upon him.

She is greatly respected among the womenfolk of this country because of her passionate interest in education.

All her children are scholars and she is said to have taken a large hand in helping them in their work.

The young of the Soviet Union adore her also, because of the public interest she takes in the propagation of education in all its fields and stages.

Mrs Cyrus Eaton, who is visiting Russia with her husband, Mr Khrushchev's American millionaire friend, had a long talk with Mrs Khrushchev about their respective daughters.

Mrs Eaton presented Mrs Khrushchev with a rag doll called in America a "rabbity ann." Mrs Eaton's own name is Ann but she is no rabbit.

For she wears almost constantly what she calls her co-existence outfit, a capitalistic milk coat made in New York and a Communist fur hat made in Moscow.

Gift

Suddenly Mrs K got up from her conversation and handed me a huge box. "That's from all of us," she said with a beaming smile.

Inside the box I found the most extraordinary assortment of presents I have ever seen.

Six jars of caviar, five bottles of scent, a huge illustrated book on the Bolshoi Theatre, an album of Russian records and a beautiful painted lacquer box.

The Russians never do anything in a small way, as we all well know, and the Soviet womenfolk are probably the warmest human beings on earth.

Perhaps because they have suffered so much in both war and peace.

(London Express Special)

Between East and West, a "rabbity ann." Mrs Eaton (left), with her husband behind her, presents Mrs Khrushchev with a rag doll.

LADY LUCK

YOUR CHINA MAIL HOROSCOPE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): You would be wiser to take your partner's advice today than to insist on going ahead with an impulsive plan of your own.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Don't let yourself be drawn into a dispute which has nothing to do with you. You might later only be blamed for interfering.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you don't feel comfortable in a new social sphere to which you have long aspired, it is not too late to return to the company of your own tried friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A mysterious element in your romantic life may be troubling you, and you will not be happy until you get to the bottom of it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): A colleague who is behind with his work will greatly appreciate your giving him some of your spare time today.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): A belated parcel from abroad will contain a rather costly gift, but you are not expected to reciprocate in kind.

LEO (July 22-August 21): You should have a good

chance of making considerable headway this year, but should be especially wary of taking a wrong turning.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): Think carefully before finally deciding to change your job. You will probably encounter the same frustrations elsewhere.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): A friend's uncharacteristic action should not turn you completely against him. We are all guilty of aberrations at times.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Be cooperative in a new arrangement at home, and you will find it will work out much better than you expected.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): You can no longer postpone your reply to a letter unless you are ready to jeopardise a valued friendship.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Don't let an artistic interest slacken through lack of present opportunity, or you will regret it at a time when you have more leisure.

YOUR LUCKY COLOUR: If this is your birthday, look out for OLD ROSE. It ought to bring you luck.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

THE Jacoby slam convention is 75 per cent Blackwood and 25 per cent Gerber. Any time clubs are bid (except for the Stayman response to no-trump) or the bidding has reached the three-level Blackwood is used.

When clubs have not been bid any jump to four clubs is Gerber and may be followed by a five-club bid to ask for kings and ANY JUMP TO FOUR NO-TRUMP FROM THE ONE OR TWO LEVEL IS MERELY A VERY STRONG BID IN NO-TRUMP.

Playing the Jacoby convention North is able to raise to four no-trump with his 15 points and a good club suit. He does not want to be in a slam if his partner holds a

NORTH		15	
♠ A32			
♥ A4			
♦ K107			
♣ KJ1076			
WEST	EAST		
♠ QJ108	♠ 054		
♥ J803	♥ Q1072		
♦ 9843	♦ 06		
♣ 3	♣ Q952		
SOUTH (D)			
♠ K76			
♥ K85			
♦ AQJ2			
♣ A04			
Both vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ A Q			

minimum no-trump, but he certainly wants to be there if his partner has a good one. Fifteen plus 17 only equals 32, but that fifth club is almost surely going to be a trick.

South holds the maximum 17 points (playing 15-17 no-trumps) and goes right to six. With only 15 points he would have passed at four.

There is nothing to the play at six no-trump. South has to lose a trick to the queen of clubs because it is so well protected in the East hand, but four clubs, four diamonds and two tricks each in spades and hearts give South his 12 tricks.

4-CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass 3♣ Pass
You, South, hold:
♠ A K J 7 ♣ K Q J 4 3 2
What do you do?

A—Bid four diamonds. You should make some strong bid and this is the logical one.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Your partner bids four hearts over your four diamonds. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

KNIT THIS CAR COAT



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MEASUREMENTS: Length 34", bust 32-4": 34-6": 36-8" fitting very loosely, underarm 18".

BACK: The garment is knitted from the shoulder downwards. Cast on 37 on No. 8 needles and p.1 row. Now, with r.s. facing, beg. patt.

1st row: K. 1, winding wool twice round the needle before knitting st. (afterwards called "make long st."), k.1, long st. k.3, long st. k. 3 (long st. k.1) twice, long st. * rep. from * to * k.3, long st. k.3, long st. k.1 long st.

2nd row: Cast on 6, now slip 1 * p.3, (sl.1, p.1) twice, sl.1, p.3, sl.1 * rep. from * to * twice, p.3, sl.1, p.1, sl.1.

3rd row: Cast on 6, now: sl.1 * k.3, (sl.1, k.1) twice, sl.1, k.3, sl.1 * rep. from * to * twice, k.3 (sl.1, k.1) twice, sl.1, k.3, sl.1.

4th row: Cast on 6, p. but pulling into the back of the slipped st.

5th row: Cast on 6, long st. k.1, long st. * k.3/long st. k.3 (long st. k.1) twice, long st. * rep. from * to * 3 times, k.3, long st. k.3, long st. k.1, long st.

6th row: Cast on 6, sl.1, * p.3 (sl.1, p.1) twice, sl.1, p.3, sl.1 * rep. from * to * 4 times, p.3, sl.1, p.1, sl.1.

7th row: Cast on 6, sl.1, k.3, (sl.1, k.1) twice, sl.1, k.3 * rep. from * to * 4 times, sl.1.

8th row: Cast on 6, p. into back of next st. (afterwards called p.b.) p.1, p.b. * p.3, p.b. (p.b., p.1) twice, p.b. * rep. from * to * 5 times p.3, p.b. Cont. in this way casting on 6 at be. of every row until there are 121 sts. on needle working the inc. sts. into the patt. Now cont. straight until work measures 9 1/2": 10": 10 1/2". Cast on 6: 10: 14 at beg. of next 2 rows (33: 14: 14). Work 5" inc. at both ends of next and every foll. 8th row 12 times in all (157: 165: 173). Cont. without further shaping until work measures 35" from beg. Work 1" in ribbing. Cast off ribwise.

RIGHT FRONT: Cast on 5 and p.1 row. 1st row: r.s. facing, Cast on 6, long st. k.3 (long st. k.1) twice long st. k.2. 2nd row: P.2 (sl.1 puriwise, p.1) twice, sl.1, puriwise, p.3, sl.1. 3rd row: Cast on 6, sl.1, sl.1, k.3 (sl.1, k.1) twice, sl.1, k.2. 4th row: P. but pulling into back of the slipped st. Cont. in patt. as for back, casting on 6 at beg. of next 2 rows and working the inc. sts. into the patt. At the same time inc. st. at neck edge on next and every foll. 8th row 13 times in all. Now work straight until work measures 9 1/2": 10": 10 1/2". Cast on 6: 10: 14 at beg. of next row (84: 92: 100). Now work 1". Inc. 1 at beg. of this and every foll. 5th row 26 times in all (92: 98: 100). Cont. straight until work measures 33". Change to ribbing and work 1". Cast off ribwise.

SLEEVE: Cast on 67 on No. 10 needles and rib for 1". 1st row: k.1 twice, long st. k.3 long st. k.3 * rep. from * to * 4 times (long st. k.1) 3 times. Work 1 1/2": 2 1/2": 3" in patt. Inc. at both ends of next and every foll. (8th 6th: 8th) row. 24: 27: 22 times then on every 4th row 8 times for large size (115: 121: 127). Now work without any shaping at all until work measures 20". Cast off straight across.

TO MAKE UP: Press all pieces lightly under damp cloth. Join shoulder seams for 5/8". Now with long needles pick up 40 even around back and 2" down front. Rib back. Rib back up 2 more sts. on every side. Sew up front and there are 80: 82: 84 on needles. The collar will measure 5" at back of neck. On next row pick up 140 all along edge of front. Now rib 1". Cast off ribwise and work second piece to match. On opposite front row all shagreen. Press over collar on shagreen. Set in sleeves, collar and cuffs. Sew up sleeves and cuffs. Collar points.

STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Make-Believe School

—Hanid Asks Everyone The Same Question—

By MAX TRELL

ON RAINY afternoons, Hanid, the Shadow Girl with the Tuxedo, would sit on the floor around her. "It's a make-believe school-room," she said.

Hanid's brother Knarf said he didn't like school.

Mr Punch said he was too old to go to school but he smiled and sat down in front of Hanid anyway.

"But, then again, you never can be too old to go to school," he added. "There are always things that you can learn."

"School is good for everybody," said Hanid.

Then she added: "What is the most useful Animal in the world?"

Mr Punch said he thought a Horse was the most useful Animal in the world. "You can ride on a Horse's back. A Horse can pull a wagon. And a Horse can help a Farmer plough his field."

"I think a Chicken is the most useful Animal," said Mary June. "Because a Chicken lays eggs and you can eat a Chicken and a Chicken makes Chicken soup."

"I think a Sheep is the most useful Animal," said Teddy, the Stuffed Bear.

"That's very good," said Hanid. "But why?"

"What are your reasons?" asked Hanid.

Teddy said: "It gives me a headache when I think too hard. But I'll be right, but you have to give us your reasons."

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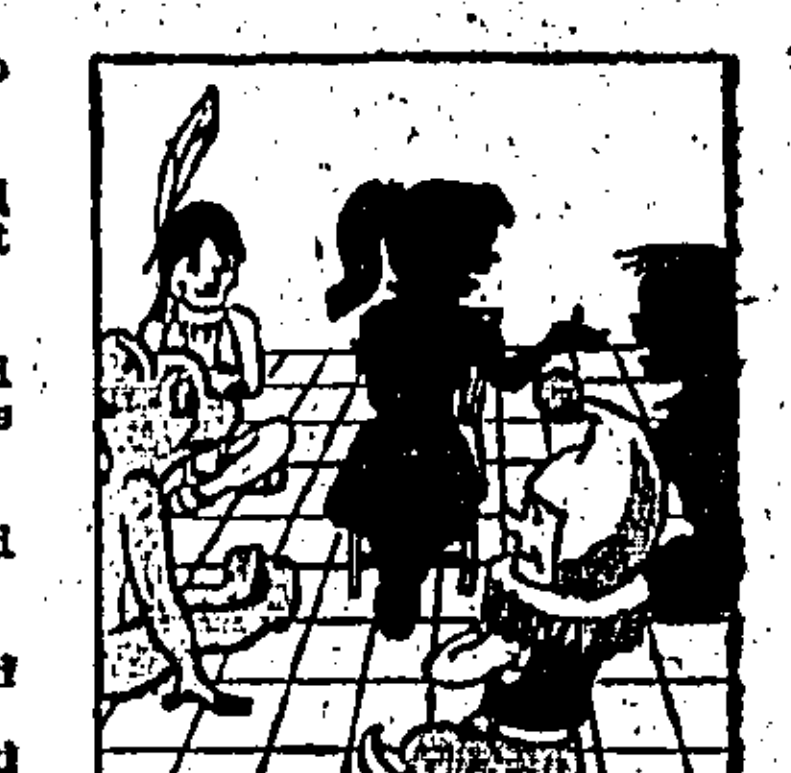
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Rupert and the Purple Star—31



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Singapore Services worthy winners over Colony in their main match of tour

By 'PROP'

There must be little doubt in the mind of any spectator at the Club Stadium last night that the Singapore Services were worthy winners over the Colony, in a game marked by the fact that not a single try was scored although the two sides managed to produce fifteen points between them.

An exciting game it certainly was, but it will not be remembered as an exhibition of CLEAN, fast rugby, rather it should go down as a mixture of every conceivable foul in the game.

Punching, delayed tackling, knocking an opponent on the ground clear of the ball, were all in evidence. Added to which were a few instances of less common "crimes" that made this game rather a "shameless" one.

The sight of one of the Singapore three-quarters joining a loose ruck FEET-FIRST and proceeding to grind not only some of the Colony players, but his own side, into the ground as he reared over-top of them was something that I have not witnessed before, especially as the ball was away from the scrum!

My personal opinion is that this referee must have been unaided in most instances. But the crowd were certainly not, and there were the cries of wrath from the stands as this type of foul play went on.

More aggressive

But through all this foul play one fact stood out. Services won because they were the more aggressive side. Even their tackling was aggressive (as it should be) and time after time they broke up Colony passing movements with hard, low tackles. Shoulders were jammed home and bodies followed.

Spectators had hardly settled into their seats when Smith, the Services fly-half took a pass on the base of the scrum in the Colony twenty-five and topped a good goal with his left foot. Services continued to press, but suddenly Bedford and Roberts led a good foot-rush from their own twenty-five to the Singapore line. Play remained in the Services' half until the defending side were penalised and MacDonald kicked a good penalty from thirty yards. This was quite a rarity as MacDonald, disdaining the more generally favoured place-kick, took a drop at goal.

Hongkong tried hard to open up the game from the kick-off with some lively passing from one side of the field to the other but were felled by good tackling.

Writing on the wall

Play remained in the Services' half due to a good foot-rush by Dwyer and Martindale, but the writing was on the wall. Neither Roberts nor Baillie could make any progress against Caldwell and MacKenzie who clung to their men like leeches, and refused to be handed off.

The Hongkong wingers had just as hard a time against their opposite numbers and so the Colony behind the scrum were virtually cancelled out.

Sims, a late replacement for Seraby, tended to pass on the run, due perhaps to the close covering of the Singapore back-row and consequently little was seen of Wilson at fly-half.

Bryant missed two penalties in the late stages of the first half, and the score remained at three points apiece at half-time.

Wilson started the second half well for the Colony with a good break to the Singapore twenty-five, only to be swamped with no support at hand. Smith his opposite number was playing beautifully and saved very well from the foot of the Colony pack as they took the ball from their own half to the Singapore twenty-five.

The scrum slowed to the left all evening and Sims fell foul of McKay the Singapore wing-

forward whilst trying to straighten the packs. This action of the Singapore player was entirely unnecessary, but the referee, on the spot, let it go.

With McKay continually getting into trouble around the scrum the referee was obliged to stop the game and admonish both McKay and Whatley. The latter, I thought, was most unlucky to be on the receiving end of this lecture.

However, the Singapore side took the lead as Bryant kicked a good goal from thirty yards in the centre of the field. A good foot ruck, up the Colony side, took play back to the Services' line where they were forced to concede a minor. With good passing Hongkong sent Martindale speeding for the line, but the winger ran into the cover defence and his inside pass was knocked on.

Hooked his kick

Hongkong kept up the pressure and were awarded a very kickable penalty from the Services' twenty-five and in the course of the field, MacDonald, who seemed most unsure of his kicking, gave Sims the chance to even matters. The scrum-half hooked his kick very badly and the chance was wasted.

From the twenty-five drop-out the Services increased their lead. A long kick was chased hard by the Singapore side, and MacDonald, slow to clear, was caught in possession. From the ensuing loose scrum Services heeled and Smith with a lovely kick placed a dropped goal over the bar.

Shortly afterwards they had a chance to go further ahead as Bryant took a kick at goal following a penalty awarded for off-side in the Colony half. But it was not to be, and after a few sporadic raids by Hongkong the whistle sounded for "no-side" with Singapore Services once more on the attack.

For the Colony, Wilson tried hard to make a scoring break, but suffered from the absence of his usual partner Seraby. Baillie, another late replacement for Maunsell, had a hard game and will probably wish to forget it as quickly as possible.

Roberts had no room in which to produce those lovely linking runs that we know he is capable of, and MacDonald, after a good first half, fell away and failed to reproduce the form he has shown of late.

Dwyer hooked beautifully as usual, and won the ball against the loose head many times, whilst other forwards to shine were Whatley, Richards and Bedford.

A pity

Edwards and Smith fought well in the lineouts, and all in all the pack were on top of the game. The tight to give them the chance to score. But their tackling in the loose left much to be desired.

It is a pity that Singapore Services used so many despicable tactics in this game, for they played good rugby, and played it hard, for the main part of the evening.

Bryant at full-back was always dependable, and the solid defence of Edwards, Whatley and McKenzie has been mentioned before.

Smith at fly-half was the star of the side. A good turn of speed and a safe pair of hands gave him plenty of time to decide on his moves. His kicking was a little overdone, but it was a good game for him.

Williams at scrum-half threw out a long accurate pass and was very lively around the scrum. Of the pack none played better than Hancock, an extremely intelligent forward who beats an English trialist, and Wyatt, whose heart was seen in evidence was all over the field.

This was a game spoiled by over-exuberance. Hongkong lost because they were not aggressive enough in their approach to this game, whilst the Singapore side deserved their victory for playing the full length of the game flat-out and taking their chances as they came.

ENGLISH, IRISH WOMEN JOCKEYS ALSO WANT THEIR OWN RACES

The girls of England and Ireland want to emulate their French sisters-on the horse-race tracks.

The French Jockey Club has bowed to demands that some races should be open solely to women riders.

Now the girls across the English Channel and over the Irish Sea believe the men who rule horse-racing in their lands should do the same.

The French girls will have races to themselves and in cases where riders are under 16 they must have written permission from their parents.

Married women under 18 must get the okay from their husbands. Some of the men were all for the idea, too.

"British racing urgently needs races for women," said Ryan Price, a leading trainer of steeplechasers and jumpers in England.

"Besides the girls in racing already deserve a fair crack of the whip. They work very hard, love their horses and ride better than some men," added Price.

Noel Murless, champion trainer on the flat in England last

year, was opposed. "It's damn silly," he said. "Women are not good enough in Point-to-Point Meetings."

Over in Ireland, Helen Bayce Smyth, a Point-to-point rider, is leading a campaign to get races for women in Ireland.

She pointed out that many girls help their fathers and brothers train their horses. "Let us realise that racing is still a sport and along with better amenities let us have a welcoming atmosphere on our racecourses in 1961 — and races for women," wrote Tim Fitzgeorge, a writer in the London Daily Mail.—AP.

Silver trays for golden-footed boys



Tottenham Hotspur Football Club gave a Christmas party — after all, they had something to celebrate. A record run of 11 wins at the start of the season! And 14 Spurs players at the party received a surprise Christmas present from the club — an engraved silver tray each, bearing the names of the players and the sides they had defeated in the record-breaking run.

Photo shows two of the players admiring their presentation engraved silver trays, which commemorate Tottenham Hotspur's "eleven-on-the-ice" wins in the current football season they are: Terry Dwyer (nearer camera), Spurs' diminutive (5ft. 5in.) winger and Bobby Smith, England centre-forward.—London Express Service.

Spurs are 6-1 FA Cup favourites

London, Jan. 2. Tottenham Hotspur, leaders in the English Football League, have been made 6-1 favourites for the FA Cup in a callover here tonight.

The third round of the competition takes place this Saturday.

Wolverhampton Wanderers, Spurs' biggest League rivals, were quoted at 9-1.

There was considerable backing for Manchester United, who have shown improved form lately and who on Saturday defeated Manchester City 5-1. Previously at 22-1, Manchester United were supported to win £12,000, and their odds slashed to 14-1.

The bettings are: 6-1 against Tottenham Hotspur, 9-1 Wolverhampton Wanderers, 10-1 Burnley.

11-1 Sheffield Wednesday and Everton.

14-1 Manchester United, 18-1 Leicester City, 20-1 Aston Villa.

25-1 Arsenal, 28-1 Blackburn Rovers, 33-1 Chelsea, West Ham United and West Bromwich Albion.

40-1 Newcastle United, Manchester City and Bolton Wanderers.

50-1 Preston North End, Nottingham Forest, Cardiff City, Blackpool and Fulham.

60-1 Birmingham City and Liverpool.

100-1 upwards others.—China Mail Special.

Ohio State named as America's top college basketball team

New York, Jan. 3. Ohio State, which won the Holiday Festival Basketball Tournament by knocking off previously unbeaten St John's (New York) and St Bonaventure, was the unanimous choice today as America's No. 1 college team in the weekly Associated Press poll.

With 36 votes from the nationwide panel of sports writers and sportscasters, the Buckeyes scored the second 100 per cent sweep of the poll in a row.

On the basis of 10 points for first, nine for second, eight for third, Ohio State got 360 points after proving in the Madison Square Garden Tournament that the experts knew their stuff in balloting a week ago.

The leaders, with won-lost records and first place votes in parentheses with points on a 10-0-8 basis (records through games of Saturday, December 31 were):

1. Ohio State (36), (9-0), 360.
2. Bradley (10-0), 304.
3. St Bonaventure (9-1), 264.
4. Louisville, (11-0), 225.
5. St John's (NY) (8-1), 165.
6. North Carolina (7-2), 163.
7. Iowa (8-1), 110.
8. Duke (9-1), 78.
9. UCLA (7-2), 65.
10. Auburn (5-0), 51.

Others receiving votes included: State, Louisville, Kansas, Detroit, Vanderbilt, Kansas, Memphis State, Utah.

Britons betted about £60m on racing in 1960

London, Jan. 2. British horse race enthusiasts betted a record £30,250,000 on the totalisator last year, the Race Course Control Board announced today.

Britons usually bet about the same amount each year on the same comparable with the pari-mutuel system in the United States—and with individual bookies. So Britain's total betting on the horses amounted to about £60 in 1960.

The highest betting on the tote in one day was at Royal Ascot in July. Bettors tried their luck to the extent of £300,338 on that one day.—AP.

Rangers further ahead in Scottish First Division

London, Jan. 2. Rangers beat Celtic 2-1 at Ibrox Stadium, Glasgow, in their traditional New Year soccer fixture today to increase their lead at the top of the Scottish First Division to seven points.

Aberdeen moved into second place with a 2-1 home victory over Dundee, clinging to their one goal lead despite heavy second-half pressure by Dundee.

After chasing Rangers since early November, Kilmarnock are now going through a very lean spell. They crashed 1-2 at home to bottom-of-the-table St Mirren and slipped back to third place, eight points behind Rangers.

A month ago they were only a point away from the leaders. Today's reverse was the first home defeat of the season.

The Rangers-Celtic clash produced a keenly-fought contest. Rangers were a goal down at the interval, Dwyer having scored for Celtic midway through the first half. A shoulder injury to left-winger Byrne upset Celtic's rhythm, and goals by Brant and Wilson gave Rangers a narrow win.

In the Second Division Stirling Albion drew 2-2, Morton to increase their lead to three points. Falkirk, who thrashed East Stirling 6-0, jumped into second place.—Reuter.

Results of British league soccer matches played today were:

SCOTTISH LEAGUE			
Division I			
Aberdeen	2	Dundee	1
Clyde	3	Partick	0
Dundee	0	St Johnstone	2
Heart of Midlothian	1	St Mirren	2
Kilmarnock	1	St. Mirren	2
Motherwell	0	Stirling Albion	2
Raith Rovers	1	Dunfermline	3
Rangers	2	Celtic	1
Third Lanark	3	Aberdeen	2
Division II			
Albion Rovers	2	Hamilton	3
Airdrie	2	Greenock	3
Dumfries	1	Greenock	3
Falkirk	0	East Stirling	6
Forfar	0	Arbroath	3
Montrose	0	Brechin City	1
Morton	0	Stirling Albion	2
Queen of South	1	Stranraer	0

ENGLISH LEAGUE			
Division III			
Chesterfield	1	Tranmere	1
Bury	1	Shrewsbury	1
Division IV			
Hartlepool	1	York City	3
Carlisle U.	1	Gillingham	1

WEST INDIES ALL OUT FOR 233

Melbourne, Jan. 3. The West Indies were all out in their second innings for 233, leaving Australia to make 67 to win the second Test match.

Gerry Alexander was last man out, caught by Groult off Davidson, after a grand knock of 12.

A four sixth wicket stand of 87 by the overnight batsmen, Conrad Huote and Gerry Alexander, featured this morning's play here as the West Indies fought a virtually hopeless battle for survival.

At the luncheon adjournment the West Indies, 129 for five overnight in their follow-on were seven for 199 — 32 ahead with only three second innings wickets standing.

The scores then were: Australia — 1st innings 348, West Indies — 1st innings 181, West Indies — 2nd innings — 199 for seven. Huote made a swiftness 110 before being caught behind off a full toss from O'Neill. His total included nine fours. Resumption of play was delayed for 15 minutes this morning because of rain.

Final scorecard

FIRST INNINGS	
Australia	348
West Indies	181
SECOND INNINGS	
West Indies	233
C. Huote, c Groult b O'Neill	110
J. Bennett	4
S. Nurse run out	3
R. Kanhai, c Mison b Martin	25
G. Sobers, c Simpson b Martin	0
F. Worrell, c Simpson b Martin	0
G. Alexander, c Groult b Davidson	72
S. Ramadhin, st Groult b Bennett	3
W. Hall, b Davidson	4
C. Watson run out	5
A. Valentine not out	0
Extras	7
Total	233

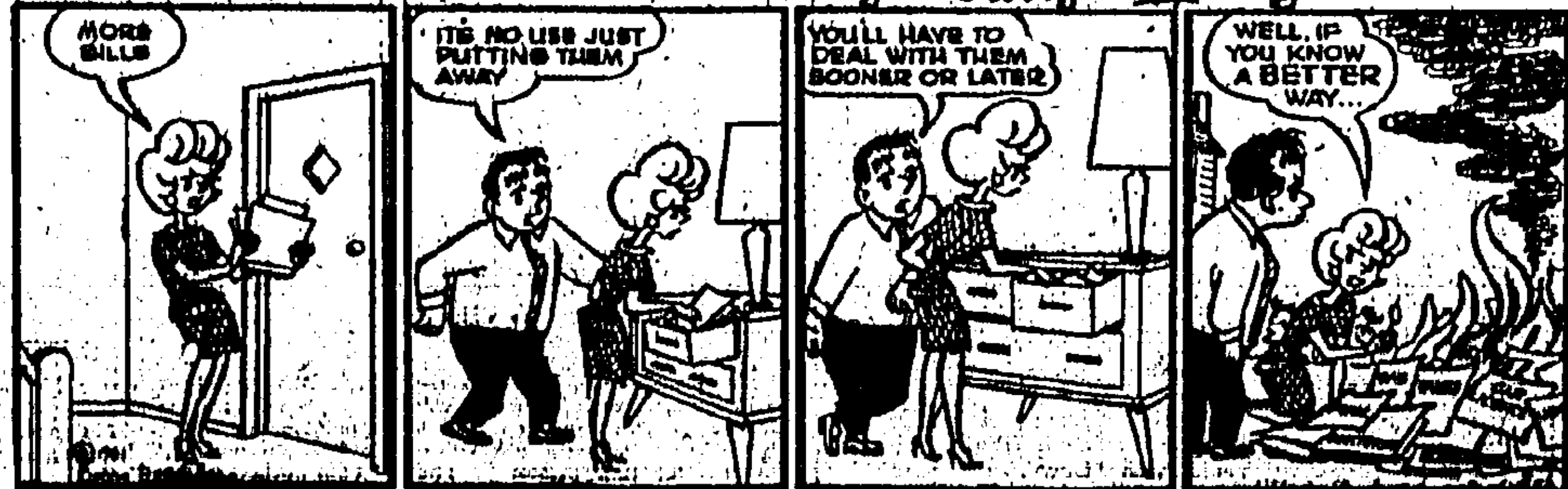
Fall of wickets: 1-40, 2-51, 3-97, 4-99, 5-69, 6-189, 7-193, 8-200, 9-222.

Bowling Analysis			
	O	M	R
Davidson	18.4	2	51
Mison	12	3	36
Bennett	20	3	49
Martin	23	3	56
Simpson	8	0	24
O'Neill	5	1	10

RUGBY RESULTS

London, Jan. 2. Results of today's English rugby matches were: Saracens 5, Bath 24. St Helens 10, Leigh 4. Wigan 5, Warrington 10. Warrington Town 5, Oldham 17.—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS



COOK BETTER MEALS WITH GAS



ON THE BALL

with Bill Slater



ITALIANS MAY LURE BRITISH STARS ABROAD

London. The lira-laden clubs of Italy may be flourishing their cheque-books in Britain next summer. Many people expect Italy's Council of Football Leagues to remove next August the ban on signing foreign players who cannot prove some Italian extraction.

Such a move will doubtless arouse some alarm here, for there is still a strange tendency to regard the Italians as pirates, stealing the golden doubloons of British soccer.

British players do not, of course, see them in this light; an Italian talent-scout can be as welcome to them as the official who brings the first dividend cheque to a pool's winner.

And why not? Italians rightly treat football stars as royalty as top entertainers are treated in any other branch of show business. An outstanding British player has every right to jump at the kind of offer which gave £65,000 John Charles the chance to gain comfort and security for himself and his family.

One great player who has stated that he would welcome an Italian offer is 20-year-old Jimmy Greaves of England and Chelsea. It would be a tragedy indeed if British football lost such a brilliant player, but surely no one should deny him the opportunity to seek the rewards that his talent deserves.

The answer

It has been suggested that the Football League should ban British players from joining foreign clubs. But this would be morally wrong—and negative thinking. Better conditions, of course, at home is the best answer to temptations from abroad.

And remember that Greaves is not the only British player who might attract Italian bids. If our stars cannot earn star wages, the cream could be skimmed off our soccer talent just when there is great promise of an England revival.

Talk of Jimmy Greaves reminds me of the occasion, just a few years ago, when I saw him playing in youth football. He seemed able to score in every game.

But I wonder, I must confess, whether he would sustain

Hungarians to take both British table tennis singles titles

London, Jan. 2. Hungarian aces are expected to take the two singles titles in the expected all-Hungarian men's and women's singles finals of the English Table Tennis Championships which start at Greenwich tomorrow and end at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday.

Zoltan Bercsik almost unbeatable in Europe is tipped to take the men's title and Mrs Laszlo Foldi the women's title.

Their predicted opponents in the finals are second-seed Ferenc Sido who took the 1959 title and Hungarian-born Mrs Ames Simon who now plays for West Germany.

Other seeded players are Sweden's Tony Larsson, Hans Alster, and Bengt Melander, Yugoslavia's Vojislav Marjovic, Hungary's Laszlo Foldi and England's title-holder Ian Harrison.

England is hoping that Miss Diane Rowe may upset the Hungarian favourites.—AFP.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Junior Badminton: St Stephen's v KCC, 11.00 v C.C. 1.30 pm.
Men's "A" Doubles: CCC v JKSU, RAF v CYMCA, 1.30 pm.
TOMORROW
Cricket: Combined XI v Army at Chislewood.

Successful practice and trial matches for Colony hockey Interport teams

By NUMPERE

The only Men's Hockey matches played during the weekend were in preparation for the coming Interport Series at Macao on January 29. The Hongkong Interport XI played a practice match against an Army XI and a trial match was held between two teams drawn from the Second Division to select the Interport 'B' XI.

Both matches were played at Soekunpoo, the 'B' trial match starting shortly after 2 pm. Of the 22 players on view, the Army fielded eight, RAF four, Nav Bharat three, HKHC three, Prisons and KCC and Demons one each. In addition the RAF goalkeeper Fisher took over at half-time from the Army's Weddell.

Next match

The RAF's right-winger Stevenson was unavoidably absent, taking part in the triangular cricket match.

There were a number of inter-team changes at half-time to test the various combinations and the selectors must have had a very difficult time afterwards selecting the team for the next match.

This will be the Hongkong Interport 'B' XI vs Combined Nav Bharat and IRC at Soekunpoo on January 15 commencing at 2 pm.

The team selected is: Rahim (Nav Bharat), Bell (KCC), and Pannu (Nav Bharat); Leach (Army), Harris (Army) and Macneil (HKHC); Gabriel Limba (Army), Humphrey (Army), Zia Hussain (Prisons), Rayen (Dutch HC), and Ullman (Nav Bharat). Reserves: Gahfoor (HKHC), Nosh (RAF) and Gilmore (Army).

On the day's showing I would not argue with the selectors' choice, but, having seen the RAF's strategy often this season I would have liked to have seen him given another chance. However, the same may probably be said of others in the trial and I think the selectors have done a good job.

In the practice match for the full Interport XI the Army provided excellent opposition especially in view of the fact that they also had four players in the Interport side, but eventually lost by four goals to one.

As good as ever

The Interport side was selected with the exception of Colloco coming in at right-wing for Alenco.

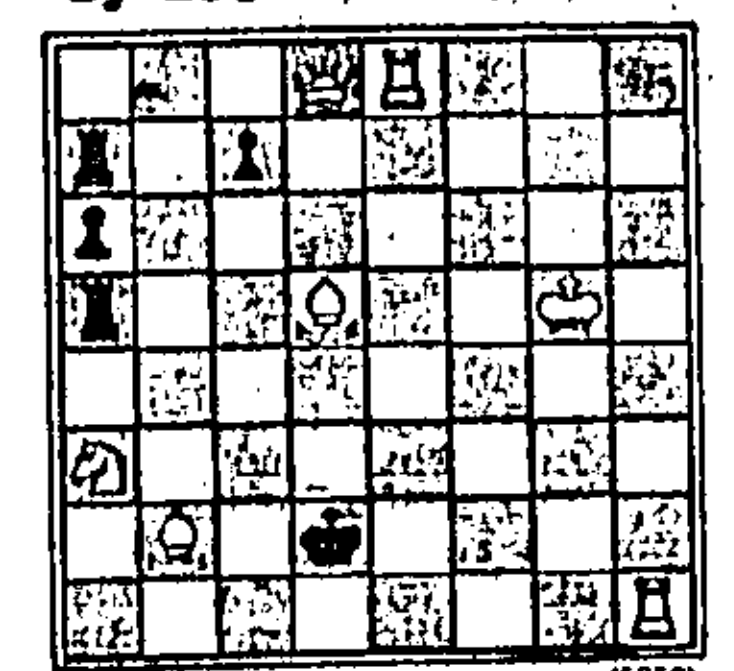
For the Interport side Pettifer played his usual blinder at right-back ably supported by Olyphant, but wing-halves Volant and Silva found Army's wingers Turner and Frusher in fine form and were never really on top.

Colloco, substituting for Alenco, must have made the selectors think hard and Gardner and O.K. Dallah were as good as ever although Gardner gave the impression he always had a little in hand. Narbu Lama at centre-forward wasted opportunities in the first half but netted twice in the second.

The Army style of fast open hockey was just the sort of opposition required and up until half-time there was very little in it.

CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a problem by G. Guidell (Good Companions, 1922). White to play and mate in two moves.

Solution: No. 5952—1 B-K4 (waiting), P-B3; 2 Q-B4, or 1... P-B4; 2 R-QB8, or 1... Q-B4; 2 R-K4 or 2 Q-B7 mates accordingly. Not 1 B-K4? Q-B2?

London Express Service.

Used his head well

Geoff Vowden of Nottingham Forest scored a wonderful headed goal against West Ham this season and Bobby Smith has certainly used his head well for England. And when Chelsea beat Newcastle 6-2 this season, all six goals were headed into the net.

Perhaps there are not quite so many headed goals today, but if there has been a decline I believe this is most probably due to improved techniques and positional play in defence.

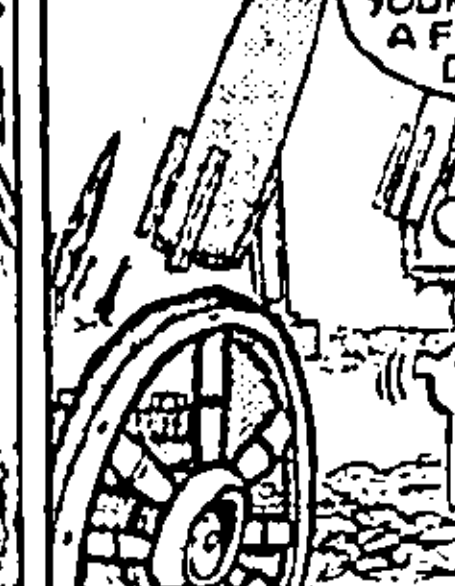
The game has changed radically since Dixie Dean's day and I cannot agree with veteran fans who argue that the great stars of 30 years ago would give present-day players a soccer lesson. The stars play differently today, but in their own way they play just as well as the stars of old.

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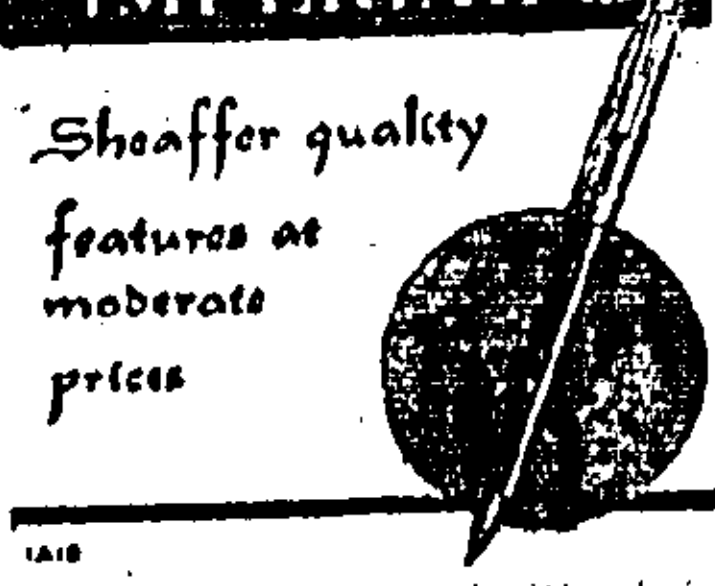
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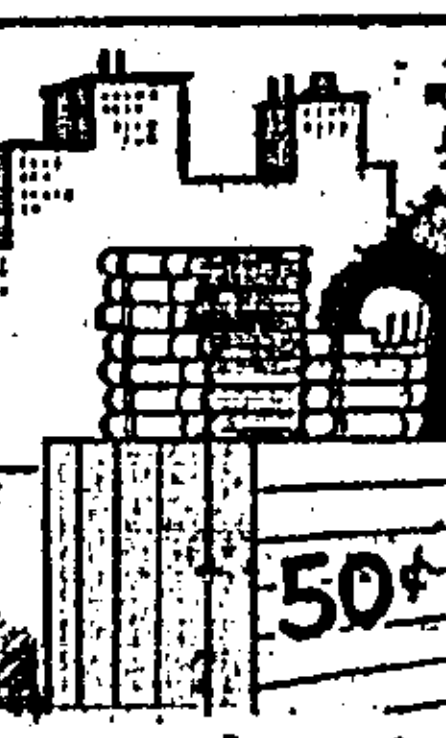
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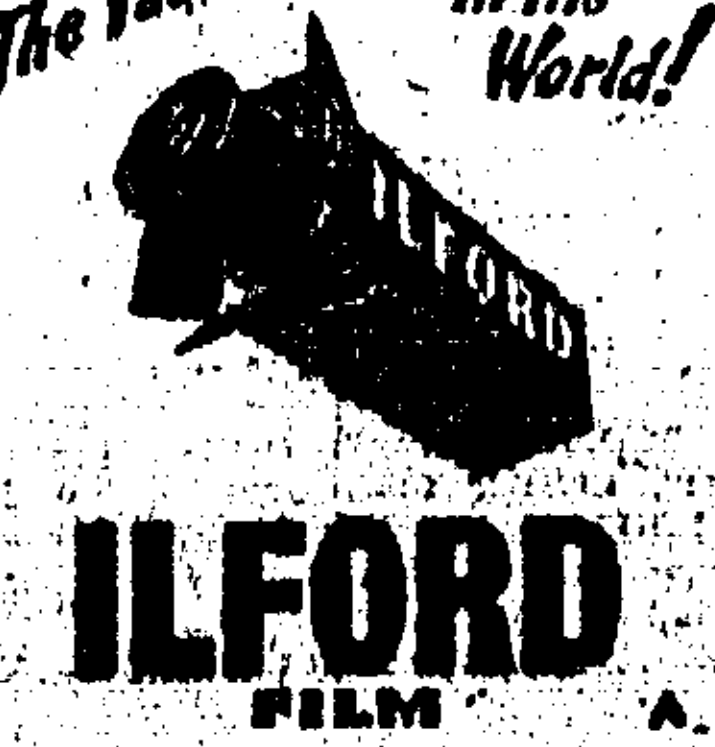
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CRICKET RESULTS

SHEFFIELD SHIELD

Perth, Jan. 2. Despite a fighting 103 by former Australian Test player Peter Burge, Western Australia gained a first innings lead of 20 over Queensland on the second day of their Shield cricket match here today.

Burge had put his side within sight of Western Australia's total of 242 when he was out to a brilliant catch, taken low down with his left hand, by fast bowler Desmond Hoare. The remaining two wickets fell quickly, and Queensland were all out for 222.

Scores were: Western Australia: 242 (C. Wishart 114; K. Ferrins three for 42; J. Mackay three for 43). Queensland 222 (P. Burge 103, D. Hoare five for 50).

PLUNKET SHIELD

Hamilton, Jan. 2. Auckland beat Northern Districts by eight wickets in a Plunket Shield match here.

Test player John Sparling was in fine form, hitting a sound 102 in Auckland's first innings and 35 not out in the second innings.

Scores were: Northern Districts: 224 (B. Paltapud 88; B. Cunis six for 72) and 107 (L. Clark six for 28).

Auckland: 233 (J. Sparling 102, S. Geyde 62, Puna five for 64) and 119 for 4w.

CURRIE CUP

Capetown, Jan. 2. Gerald Innes, who toured Australia with the 1952-53 South African side without playing in a Test, scored 95 not out to help put Western Province in a strong position against Transvaal 'A' on the second day of the Currie Cup game here today.

Western Province led by 196 runs with six second innings wickets standing at the close.

Scores were: Western Province: 251 (P. Van Der Merw 88, V. McCullough 60) and 107 for four (G. Innes 95 not out).

Transvaal 'A': 252 (I. Harris 70, S. O'Leary 61).

Ladies' division

In the Ladies' Division three matches postponed earlier in the season were played over the weekend.

As a result of these results are back on top of the League table with 18 points from nine matches followed by KGV 'A' with 15 points. Gremmins 'A' with 14 and KCC with 11 points, all having now played nine matches.

Results: Results of the Ladies' Division matches were: KGV 'A' 4, KCC 1.

Recreio 4, Gremmins 'B' 0.

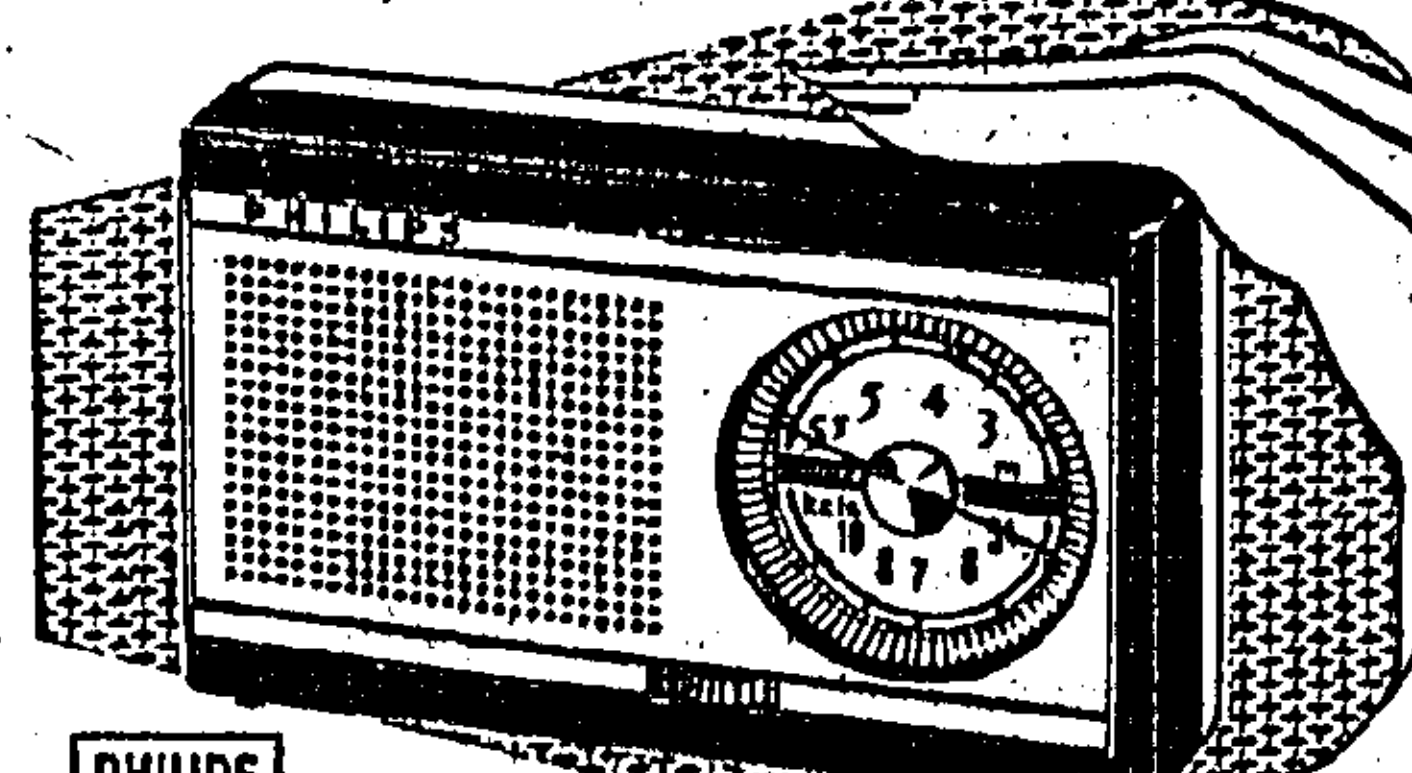
Recreio 8, St Georges 0.

Natal: 70 and 55 for 1.—China Mail Special.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1961.

The most popular screen shows of 1960 judging by Hongkong box office receipts YOUR 10 BEST FILMS

Barber stole watches, rings for girlfriend

By means of a spanner, a barber broke into a lady's bedroom and stole valuables worth \$637.

The barber, 28-year-old Wong Man, alias Wong Tak-man, of 53 Wong Cheuk-street, ground floor, Shamshui, was charged this morning before Mr. T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Court with house-breaking and felony.

He pleaded guilty. Detective Sub-Inspector A. G. Wilson told the court that the complainant, Ho Ying-chen, returned to her house at 131 Wanchai-road, 10th floor, shortly after noon on December 16 last year and found her bedroom window had been forced open.

Arrested

She then opened the drawer of her bed-side table and discovered valuables—a lady's Rolex watch, lady's box containing a platinum finger ring and six small platinum bracelets and a wallet with \$57 in it were missing, Miss Wilson said. She informed the police.

"Then on December 25," Miss Wilson continued, "a woman was arrested by police when she was found in possession of the missing Rolex watch."

"The woman said the watch was given her by a man with whom she was living, and later in the day defendant was arrested," Miss Wilson said.

To raise \$217

Miss Wilson said defendant admitted stealing the valuables and brought the police to two different places in Kowloon, where all the stolen valuables, except five bracelets and the purse, were recovered.

"Defendant also told the police that he used an adjustable spanner to break open the window and enter the bedroom," Miss Wilson added.

The case was adjourned to Saturday, when defendant would be allowed to raise \$217 to repay the pawnbrokers.

Super colossal religious-sex spectacle wins

By ANTHONY FULLER

Here are Hongkong's Ten Top Films of 1960.

From some 211 first-run films drawn from three continents, Hongkong's cinema fans, backing their judgment with hard cash, have chosen:

1. Solomon and Sheba
2. European Nights
3. South Pacific
4. Pillow Talk
5. The Football Fiend
6. Can Can
7. The Miracle
8. The F.B.I. Story
9. Operation Petticoat
10. Giant of the Marathon

The most outstanding feature about this year's choice of the top ten is, every film listed above is made in colour, and every film relies upon spectacular situations, although "Pillow Talk" starring Rock Hudson, Doris Day, and Tony Randall, and "Operation Petticoat" starring Cary Grant, Tony Curtis, and Joan O'Brien, had wise-cracking scripts.

Good money

"Solomon and Sheba" which had Yul Brynner, Gina Lollobrigida, and George Sanders leading the cast, came from United Artists, and was a colossal Super-Technicolor sex spectacle. It moved towards the \$500,000 mark, which is very good money anywhere.

"European Nights" relied on no stars, was not fancied by its original backers who still feel mightily sore at letting it go, and was subsequently led into the ring by a Continental stable. By showing the variety turns in Europe's famous night haunts, it has made an individual and a company's fortune.

Another outsider, bumped into fifth place, "The Football Fiend." This French film was hawked around the Colony, found no backers until the enterprising S. T. Wu pounced upon it, and filled the coffers of the Royal and State Theatres. An entry which was well in front and then taken out of the race, was "The Sleeping Beauty." This played the Royal only, and took \$10,000 a day while it was showing.

Its Waterloo

Todd-AO met its Waterloo in Hongkong. This is because the exhibition went the wrong way about showing this kind of film. In spite of Hongkong's huge population, the number of regular cinema goers is about 30,000 people.

Should all 30,000 attend one cinema for 30 "House Full" nights they would not repay the cost of altering a cinema, fitting a new screen, and installing the costly equipment. For that reason we are unlikely to see "Ben Hur" in Hongkong unless a cinema already equipped manages to get MGM to offer a certain booking rate with a limited run.

As MGM are simply raising it, and "Ben Hur" looks like running for ever in the comparatively few cinemas showing it, they are not worrying about Hongkong.

Another peculiar feature concerning Hongkong's appreciation of films is that all the pictures which I dubbed "sick" dropped dead.

Staggered

If Tennessee Williams has any artistic misgivings, then Hongkong must just about be breaking his heart.

"Suddenly Last Summer," with its homosexual theme just

staggered through. "The Fugitive Kind" (Orpheus Descending) dropped dead.

Other critics in the "sick parade" fared little better. "Psycho" Albert Hitchcock's film got by on a great publicity gimmick, but Alfred could not place his entry in Hongkong's first ten; the first time he has entered and failed to do so.

"Peeping Tom" and "Oscar Wilde," the British entries for the pervert show, died on their feet. This in spite of the fact that "Oscar Wilde" was a fine film with a marvellous performance given by Robert Morley.

And mine

The editor insists that I give my film of the year.

Quite frankly, nothing that has been exhibited for public opinion, mention for 1960.

"That is bear in mind, my critical, not reviewing opinion. But I have seen some films due to be shown early in 1961 which rank with the great films of cinema's heydays.

And the last word is this. Hongkong is the only city in the world where the cinema audiences have increased since the advent of TV. When I told a Tokyo TV audience this, they almost swooned.

To attend university conference in Colony

Educationalists from universities and higher educational institutes in the British Commonwealth arrived this morning by air to attend a conference of the Association of Universities of the British Commonwealth Executive Council Members.

The conference will be held at the University of Hongkong from January 4 to January 10.

Whilst here, they will join in the golden jubilee celebrations of the University of Hongkong.

Those who arrived by Air India and Boac this morning are Dr. V. S. Jha, Director of Commonwealth Liaison Unit in London; Sir Douglas Logan, Principal of the University of Melbourne; Professor T. O. Buchanan of the University of London; Dr. J. W. Cook, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Exeter; Sir A. L. Mudallal, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Madras; Professor H. Butterfield, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge; Professor P. W. G. Greenwood, Rector and Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Orange Free State; Dr. A. Oppenheim, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Malaya; Professor W. G. Sutton, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.

They were met on arrival by Dr. L. T. Rids, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hongkong, Professors S. G. Davis, B. Fraser, F. E. Sloan, A. Z. S. MacDonald, G. B. Endacott and Mr. A. Howe-Evans of the University of Hongkong.



Austin Coates to write book on Macao

Mr Austin Coates, First Secretary of the United Kingdom High Commissioner in Malaya, arrived here this morning to gather historical background facts for his new novel about Macao.

Mr Coates who was a District Officer in the New Territories Administration in Hongkong several years ago prior to his present appointment, said on arrival by Boac, that the theme of his new novel will be old Macao, reaching its far back as 200 years ago.

Mr Coates is to see Mr J. M. Braga here, who, he said, is the person to give him the information he is seeking.

The new novel, he said, would be about 400 pages—"But I'm trying to cut it down to just over 300 pages."

He added that he hoped to have it published by a New York firm at the end of 1961.

"The name? I can't tell you that because I haven't given the book one yet," he said.

He will write a novel and give it a name after it is completed, you know."

Mr Austin Coates is the author of a novel on Hongkong entitled "The Road."

He will be in the Colony for about three weeks holidaying and gathering his material for the new book.

Police find heroin in workers' flats

Police who raided a cubicle in a block of workers' flats found heroin hidden in the bathroom, the kitchen and under the bed, Victoria District Court was told today.

Chan Wal-kuon, of 1, Sheung Fung-lane, denied not guilty before Judge K. R. MacPhee, to possessing 1 lb 13½ oz of heroin.

Chief Inspector C. L. Smith, prosecuting, told the court that on November 10 a police party raided Chan's cubicle at Sheung Fung-lane.

Found in pot

Some of the heroin was found in a copper washing basin on the bathroom floor and some was found in a pot on the kitchen shelf. Chan produced more from a shoebox which had been concealed under the bed.

Sub-Inspector M.G. Farnham, who led the police raid, said that in the top shelf of a chest of drawers he found \$1,721 in low denomination notes.

Russians to visit Japan

A party of 22 Soviet jurists passed through Hongkong this morning by Air India for a 12-day tour of Japan.

The visitors are chiefly school teachers.

Tourist talks

Major H.F. Stanley, Executive Director of the Hongkong Tourist Association, Mr Lorenzo Lo, his assistant and Mr F. Clemen, a director of the same Association, left by Boac this morning to attend the conference of Pacific Area Travel Associations to be held later this month in Honolulu.

5 ON DRUG-MAKING CHARGES

Witness tells of leasing house in Shouson Hill-road

A witness at the Criminal Sessions, Cheung Chi-kuong, this morning described how he had agreed to let No. 10 Shouson Hill-road for a period of one year from August 13 last to Hui Yik-ho, who is accused with four others of manufacturing heroin there.

The others charged are three men, Chan King, 38, Chau Kwong, 38, Chan Ping-ku, 41, and a woman, Lam Mui, 41. All are also charged with being in possession of heroin and assisting in management of a place where heroin was stored.

Cheung Chi-kuong said that his mother had owned the house at Shouson Hill-road for about two years. He handled transactions in respect of the property for her.

Handed over

Cheung said he was present when the keys of the house were handed over to Hui and when the latter paid a deposit of \$3,400 in respect of the lease to a solicitor. He identified Hui in Court this morning.

Fingerprints found on bottles and jars and other equipment found at 10, Shouson Hill-road, were stated by an expert this morning to be those of the prisoners. There were fingerprints of other people also on these, he said.

Yeung Blk-man, who was employed as a gardener at 10, Shouson Hill-road for 1½ years, said he had left his occupation about six months ago. When he left the house it was unoccupied.

In August he said that Mr Cheung Chi-kuong had instructed him to hand the keys of 10, Shouson Hill-road to a person that he had with him there. He had handed the keys over to Hui, whom he identified in the dock this morning.

Day's notice

Yeung Blk-man, said that he was given a day's notice to quit after he had handed over the keys. He had later visited 10, Shouson Hill-road once to see if there was any mail for him but had been pushed out, though he could not remember who spoke to him.

Mr H. H. B. How is counsel for the defence, instructed by Hastings and Co. Mr Howard Hobson appears for the Crown.

The trial is being held before Mr Justice W. A. Blair Kerr.

EUROPEAN FINED FOR CARELESS DRIVING

J. D. Whineray, of 12, The Peak, Hongkong, was fined \$100 by Mr I. T. Morris at Causeway Bay Court this morning for careless driving. He pleaded guilty to the summons.

Sub-Inspector M. R. Atkinson told the court that at 9.50 pm on November 11, 1960, the defendant was driving a car, AB2282 east along King's-road.

On reaching the opposite side of the entrance of Mount Parker-road, the defendant suddenly swerved the car to the right to the wrong side of the road.

After passing the left hand bend of an up-hill climb, the car hit the first pillar of a west-bound tram island.

The car proceeded along the track of the westbound tram and again hit the front off-side of a stationary tram.

Then, the defendant swerved back to the eastbound driveway.

He drove the car diagonally across the road and hit the rear of a stationary car, XX2292, parked at the kerb of the east-bound roadway.

He was fined \$100 for careless driving.

Owners win salvage race

London, Jan. 2.

Winning the salvage race to the abandoned Indian Navigator (7,600 tons) burning about 60 miles off the Scilly Isles, her sister ship Indian Success was today able to put a boarding party on the stricken freighter, the London agents of the owners the India Steam Ship Co. of Calcutta said.

Previous attempts had been unsuccessful.

The Indian Navigator was abandoned on Saturday after fire followed by explosions. Only one seaman of a crew of 67 was lost.—AFP.

From the Files

25 years AGO

January 1936

TIGERS are, by no means unknown in south China and the story that one has appeared in the vicinity of Kowloon is in no sense anything out of the way, says the N.C.D. News.

It is true that appearances of these animals in the southern colony are somewhat rare, but there must be many China hands who remember similar reports.

The tiger which was slain in 1914, after having killed an Indian, was probably the beast which actually visited the island of Hongkong in 1915, and was reported to have laid quietly on the Peak for some days before swimming across to the mainland and greater scope for his activities.

There is also the story of the group of sportsmen who spent one night in a tree, with a goat tethered at the foot, waiting for a chance of a shot at the tiger.

One of the men having thoughtfully brought a bottle of the "Terakhar" along, it was duly consumed, after which the group fell asleep to wake up in the morning and find their bait gone.

How it happened no one ever ascertained, and there is still a great difference of opinion as to whether the tiger just drifted along and grabbed the goat, or whether the goat merely got tired and ambled off on its own account.

They managed to live the story down, but only after some months of quiet chaffing.

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CHARGED with keeping a gaming house in Kowloon patronised by children only, a man and a woman were fined \$50 by Mr E. I. Wynne Jones at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Detective Sergeant Ellis said that the defendants ran a kind of horse racing game, which was played by children only.

The winner was given odds of five to one; the second, two to one, and the third even money. The children bought counters to bet with, and these could be exchanged for money, or sweets and books.

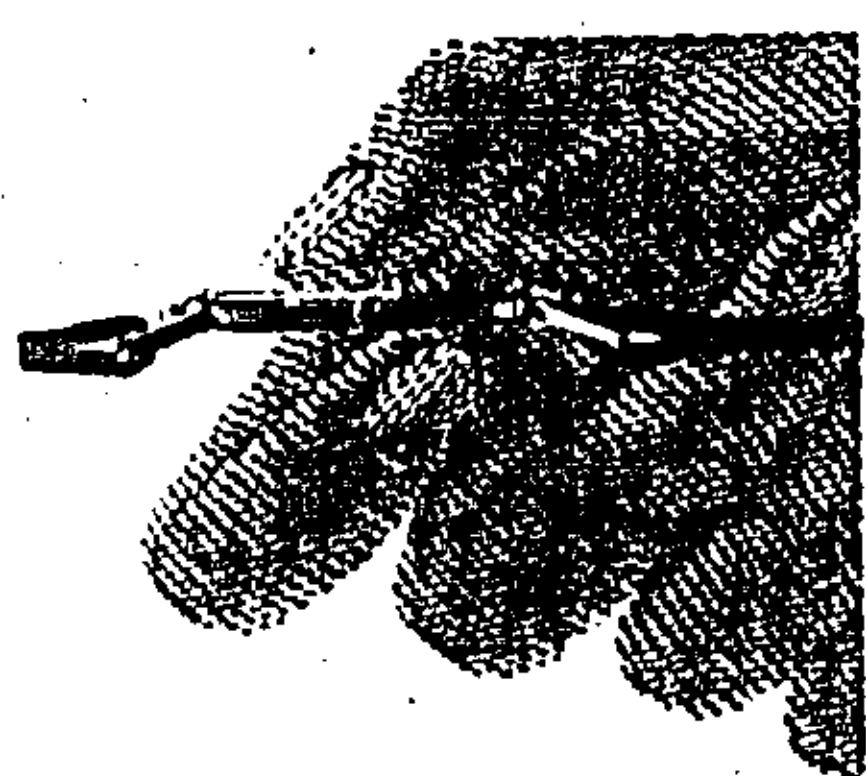
His Worship (to defendants): What do you mean by swindling children like this?

Defendants replied that the counters were changed for sweets.

His Worship: "You make a good thing of it. What bail are they on?"

Detective-Sergeant Ellis: \$50 each, your Worship.

His Worship: Fined \$50 each. The sum of \$2.30 which was placed up was placed in the Poor Box.



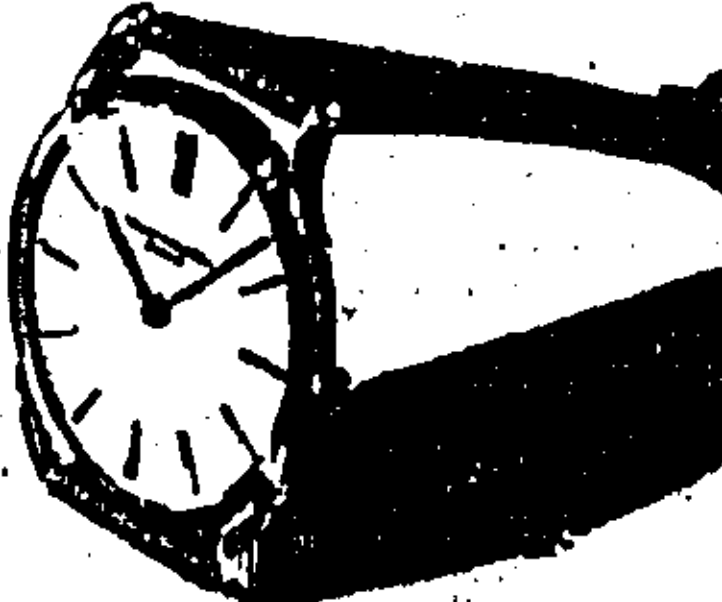
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